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Prussia About to Renew Diplomatic Relations with Austria.

No Disturbance in Rome After the Evacuation.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Terrible Colliery Explosion at Barnsley.

BARNSLEY, Thursday, Dec. 13—Night.

A third explosion took place at the Oaks Colliery at 10 o'clock this morning. There is no longer any hope for those in the pit, and they must now all be dead.

It is estimated that three hundred and fifty human beings in all have lost their lives by this terrible catastrophe.

The mine is now on fire, and the flames have burst from the mouth of the main shaft with great violence.

The work of drawing out the bodies of the dead has been suspended, and the mine is to be flooded with water.

The cause of the explosion will probably remain a perpetual mystery.

The Explosion in Staffordshire.

HANLEY, Staffordshire, Thursday, Dec. 13—Night.

There was a fearful explosion at noon to-day at Talk o' the Hill, near this town, in a coal-pit belonging to the North Staffordshire Coal and Iron Company.

Two hundred men went down into the mine this morning, of whom only thirteen have been taken out alive, and they are badly injured. All the rest, it is believed, are dead.

Up to the present moment forty dead bodies have been brought out of the pit.

The excitement among the inhabitants is most intense.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14.

The awful calamities in York and Stafford, excited the most painful interest throughout the kingdom.

A subscription has been opened at the Mayor's for the suffering families of the victims.

The Fenian Troubles.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14—Noon.

The *Times* of this morning, in an editorial, takes a hopeful view of the troubles in Ireland, and thinks there will be no serious difficulty in quelling the Fenian rebellion with the civil force alone.

The Wreck of the Indus.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14—Evening.

The steamship *Indus*, which went ashore on the Irish coast near Wexford, is a total loss.

FRANCE.

The French Army.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

Under the new organization the French Army, with the usual reserves, will foot up about 1,250,000 men. It is expected that such a mighty standing army in times of peace will have no good effect. There is much misgiving to the project among the thoughtful in this city.

Actions Against Agents of the Late Confederate Government.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

The United States Government has commenced legal proceedings in the First Tribunal of the Seine, to recover the amount of two millions and a quarter of francs, paid M.M. ARMAN FILS by agents of the Confederate Government on account, for building five iron-clad vessels, alleged to have been constructed for the use of the Emperor of China, but actually intended for the Confederate navy, though the vessels were never delivered.

The French Expedition to the Corea.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 14—Evening.

The latest advices from China state that the French expedition to the Corea was meeting with no assistance.

BAVARIA.

Resignation of Pfordten.

MUNICH, Thursday, Dec. 13.

Baron PFORDTEN has resigned his position at the head of the Bavarian Ministry.

ROME.

Quiet Preserved After the Departure of the French Troops.

ROME, Friday, Dec. 14.

The anticipated troubles in this city consequent on the withdrawal of the French troops have not occurred. The city is tranquil.

The idea that the Pope has any intention of leaving the Holy City, is universally abandoned.

An American Man-of-War at Civita Vecchia.

ROME, FRIDAY, Dec. 14.

Another United States man-of-war has arrived at Civita Vecchia.

The Mission of Gen. Fleury.

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

The mission of Gen. FLEURY to Florence is in reference solely to the negotiations between the Government of Italy and the Holy See.

AUSTRIA AND PRUSSIA.

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 14.

The Government of Prussia is about to send Envoys to Vienna. Now that peace has come, there is a determination on the part of both Austria and Prussia to renew their former commercial relations. Negotiations to this end will be immediately signed by the Envoys.

JAPAN

Suspension of Civil War.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14—Evening.

Recent intelligence has been received here from Japan, which announces that the civil war which has been desolating that country has been suspended, a truce having been declared between the hostile factions.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14—Noon.

OPENING PRICES.

Consols for money open at 88¼.

Erie.....47¼
Illinois Centrals.....77¾
United States Five-Twenties.....71

CLOSING PRICES.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14—Evening.

Consols closed this afternoon at 88¾.

American securities were last quoted at the following rates:

United States Five-twenties.....71¾
Illinois Central Shares.....77¾
Erie Railway Shares.....47¼

Five-Twenties at Frankfort.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 14.

Telegrams from Frankfort this morning advise rather more steadiness in American bonds, with sales at 75¾.

Cotton and Other Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14—Noon.

The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 106,000 bales, market having been very active and prices fluctuating. The sales to-day will probably reach 10,000 bales. The market is steady at yesterday's prices.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14—Evening.

The Breadstuffs market tends downward. Corn closed at a decline, being last quoted at 38s. ₩ 480 lbs.

The Provision market also shows a declining tendency, and closed flat.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14.

There is more inquiry for Wheat, and holders demand full prices.

Corn steady, at 38s. 3d. for Prime Mixed Western.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14.

Beef rules firm at 106s. ₩ tierce for Prime Mess. Bacon is held at 49s.@50s. ₩ cwt. for short clear.

Petroleum Market.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14.

The market for Petroleum is steady at 1s. 6d. for Pennsylvania refined.

On the Continent the quotations have varied but little during the week.

MARINE NEWS.

Arrived Out.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14—Noon.

The American ship *Clara Wheeler*, Capt. WILMARTH, from New-York, arrived here this forenoon.

BOSTON.

Gen. Butler's Seat in Congress to be Contested—Mr. Way's Reply to Mr. Hooper's Pamphlet.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

Hon. WM. D. NORTHEND, the Democratic candidate who was defeated by Gen. BUTLER, intends to contest Gen. BUTLER'S seat in the next Congress.

Congressman HOOPER'S recent pamphlet has called forth a letter from SAMUEL A. WAY, now in Paris, in which he flatly denies all connection with Ex-Collector GOODRICH'S transactions in the celebrated WILLIAMS champagne case. WAY says the reference made to him in the pamphlet is incorrect in every important particular, and it is sufficient for him to say, that had he been in Boston, no such statements would have appeared over HOOPER'S signature. Mr. WAY declares that he never offered his services to the Messrs. WILLIAMS, but, on the contrary, that he did not advise them, or use any influence to induce them to a settlement with the Government. That he never said that $200,000 had been accepted, or that JORDAN refused to settle less than $300,000; that it is not true that MOSES B. WILLIAMS effected the settlement without the knowledge of the other members of the firm; that it is not true that he ever received the sum of money alleged, or that he pa d FARWELL $10,000, and that all reference to him by Mr. HOOPER, in his pamphlet, is misrepresented in every respect. This general denial, of course, places Mr. HOOPER in an awkward position, and raises a question of veracity between the parties.

GOODRICH'S reply to HOOPER will be out in a few days, when it is expected some funny things will be developed.

Alleged Corruption in Municipal Affairs.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 14.

Speculations are beginning to develop themselves in city affairs. Recently a piece of land was purchased for a hospital for temporary use as a home for the destitute at $3 per foot, and last night in the council meeting two letters were read from the former owners of the land, offering it for $2 50 per foot. The question arose why the large price was paid, and the Committee on Public Institution will have an opportunity to explain. Some eleven thousand dollars are involved in the transaction—the exposure of which creates quite a sensation.

Another job contract was made to erect a soldier's memorial on the common for $100,000, since which it has been discovered that $60,000 additional have been put in the specifications. The council last evening repudiated the contract indirectly, by empowering the Committee to adhere to their plan.

Blame is laid on the architects, who excuse themselves on the plea of unreliable information.

Arrest--Seat to be Contested--New State Adjutant-General--Death of an Ex-Chief of Police.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 14.

A well-dressed and pleasant-looking man of about twenty-two years, whose card was FRED. W. HEWITT, M. D., office No. 437 Notre Dame, Montreal, is under arrest here charged with stealing and swindling generally. He appears to have operated mostly among physicians and dentists, borrowing money and stealing surgical instruments. His case will come before the courts to-morrow.

The friends of Mr. BROWN, the defeated colored Democratic candidate for Councilman in the Third Ward, are taking measures to contest the election of his Republican opponent.

ROBERT TAYLOR, formerly Chief of Police, died last evening.

Col. JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, of Gloucester, who has an honorable war record, will shortly become Adjutant-General of Massachusetts, Gen. SCHOULER retiring from the office after many years of faithful service.

Thermometer to-day ranged about twenty, with boisterous wind.

KANSAS.

Shot by a Highwayman.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

A special from Leavenworth states that Mr. ELMORE SUTTON, of that place, was shot by a highwayman about a mile from Leavenworth. Mr. SUTTON'S recovery is doubtful.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 14.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR THE SOUTH.

Representative JULIAN to-day introduced a bill providing civil governments for the Districts lately in revolt against the United States, and for the restoration of said Districts to their forfeited rights of States of the Union. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Virginia are to be erected into temporary and territorial governments, the executive power to be vested in Governors, to hold office until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President of the United States. They are to have the veto power. All the other machinery of territorial government is provided, including a Legislative Assembly and delegates to Congress. The people, under certain rules, are authorized to form State Governments, the Constitutions to be submitted for popular ratification. The electors are confined to the loyal male citizens of the United States, who shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance, but no person who has held or exercised any office, civil or military, State or Confederate, under the rebel usurpation, or who has voluntarily borne arms against the United States, shall vote or be eligible to be elected as delegate to the Conventions.

THE NEW-ORLEANS COMMITTEE.

Mr. ELIOT'S Committee investigating affairs in Louisiana, and the New-Orleans riot in particular, continued their labor of examining witnesses to-day. It has been suggested that the Committee will not perform its whole duty of seeking the *a minus* which led to the riot without calling before it Gens. BUTLER and BANKS, and Messrs. STEVENS, SUMNER, and other Radical Congressmen, who were known to be in telegraphic and personal communication with prominent members of the Convention previous to its attempted meeting. Judge DURELL, the original President of the Convention, is said to have telegraphed THAD. STEVENS, asking his advice about the propriety of issuing a call to reconvoke it. Receiving no answer, DURELL resigned, and Judge R. K. HOWELL was elected President *pro tem.* by an informal caucus, and immediately came to Washington, where he is known to have consulted with many prominent Radical members. The Copperheads and Democrats have charged that Gen. BANKS urged the meeting of the Convention, because he knew a riot would ensue, and he with others of the same political stripe felt assured that bloodshed in New-Orleans would add to the strength of the Republican ticket in the North. Mr. TAYLOR, of Tennessee, to-day asked and obtained relief from further service on this Committee. The fact that his constituents had been for a long term of years without representation, and consequently a large amount of business had accumulated which imperatively demanded his presence in Washington, was the excuse offered by Mr. TAYLOR for his demand; but it is believed that he found his position on the Committee with Messrs. ELIOT and SHELLABARGER, Radical Republicans, not agreeable to him. Mr. MCCULLOUGH, of Maryland, is announced as Mr TAYLOR'S successor.

THE DISTRICT SUFFRAGE.

Though Friday is usually a dull day in Congress, being by the rules private bill day in the House, some important business was done in both Houses. The Deficiency Appropriation Bill and the District Suffrage Bill have finally passed both Houses. The Suffrage Bill came in from the Senate soon after the House convened, and went to the Speaker's table. The House being engaged on private claims it was not reached until about 3 o'clock, when Mr. INGERSOLL, of Illinois, moved the previous question on its passage, and it was put through without debate by a vote of 117 to 46. The Democrats manifested no desire to pitch into it, but contented themselves with recording an emphatic "No" against it. Eight members elected as Republicans voted with the Democrats against the measure, viz.: HUBBARD, LATHAM and WHALEY, of West Virginia; MCKEE and RANDALL, of Kentucky; PHELPS, of Maryland; STILWELL, of Indiana, and KUYKENDALL, of Illinois. The bill goes at once to the President.

EFFECT OF THE SUFFRAGE BILL ON POLITICIANS.

The passage of the suffrage bill is already beginning to stir up a commotion among the local politicians. The average vote for Mayor of Washington during the war amounted to 6,000, with an overwhelming Democratic majority. The addition of quite as many votes from the newly-enfranchised blacks, when the bill becomes a law, all of which it is believed will for sometime be cast for the Republican ticket, gives new hope to the minority. Although the next municipal election does not occur until June, 1867, it is quite likely that the canvass will be immediately commenced.

THE LOUISIANA MEMORIAL.

Representative SHELLABARGER to-day presented a memorial from persons representing themselves to be loyal citizens of Louisiana, and representing the sentiment of the loyal people of the State, asking Congress to immediately take such action as will supersede the present political organization in Louisiana by such as will be loyal to the General Government, and secure to the loyal people of Louisiana protection in their lives, liberty and property. They say the present organizations are not republican, because a majority of the citizens are disfranchised, and because they do not give adequate and equal protection to all of them, and that they are not loyal because they are controlled by those who were engaged in the rebellion against our Government. In the explanation accompanying the memorial, it is said, under date of Dec. 6, that it was originated, written and published by the loyal citizens, and has their almost unanimous approval. About seventy copies, in possession of as many gentlemen, have been scattered over the State for signatures, and the names thus obtained have all been attached to this document. It has been presented to nearly all of the more influential loyal citizens, and about one-third of them have signed it, the others being deterred from doing so by regard for their personal interest or personal safety. The memorial has not been presented to the colored citizens for their signatures, as it was deemed best it should be signed mainly by representative men. Among the signatures are those of Gov. WELLS, Chief-Justice HYMAN, GEO. W. KENDALL, and many others. The papers were referred to the Select Committee on the New-Orleans Riots.

THE NORTH CAROLINA MEMORIALISTS.

Gov. HOLDEN, JOHN POOLE, JAMES F. TAYLOR and Messrs. HARRIS and JENKINS, of North Carolina, who have been in Washington for several days, have left the city, and are now on their way home. They were appointed a Committee to come hither in the interests of the loyal people of that State, and they represent the views of about forty of the one hundred and seventy members of the Legislature. They say that the bill prepared by them, and introduced yesterday by Representative STEVENS, to remand North Carolina to a territorial condition and to provide for a convention to form a new State Government, stands a good chance of being passed, and that the leading Republican members have privately expressed themselves in its favor. These delegates have distributed among Congressmen a circular, showing that a test of loyalty in the insurgent States is essential. Its application, they say, would effectually place the government of the Southern States in the hands of the Union men, preclude every secessionist; and no other test can do so without excluding thousands, who, at the first, were misled, but who repented and afterward periled their lives and estates in support of the Union. There need be no apprehensions that their oath would be falsely taken. The *status* of every man at that time was distinctly known to his neighbors. The line was clearly drawn upon this test, and upon it hundreds were imprisoned, outraged and murdered. By the same measure let the persecuted Unionists have their reward. They are now discouraged and paralyzed because, while the President would boldly deliver them over to degradation, incurred on account of their adherence to the Union in the dark days of treason and blood, the Congress seems to make no definite distinction between them and their late and present persecutors and enemies; but should Congress recognize and uphold them by some just and discriminating action, they would take courage and boldly and successfully work for the interests of the Union. Thus would the true element of the South stand prominently forward and make secession and treason bow its head. Now traitors are bold and arrogant, while the true loyalists are mystified and silent. The peace of the country is still disturbed, and the Union still unquestionably in danger.

FOREIGN DUTIES.

The public will do well to receive with exceeding caution statements telegraphed from this city in regard to contemplated changes in the duties levied on various articles of foreign importation. Nothing is at all settled in regard to these matters, and many of the assertions of specific facts about the proposed tariff are premature, or put forth for purely speculative purposes.

CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORS.

A proposition to hold a Convention of the Governors of the Southern States to consider the political situation and determine what course should be pursued in order to meet the legal demands of Congress and the Radical Party, is now under consideration by prominent Southerners who are and have been in correspondence with the Governors above named.

THE NEW-ORLEANS COMMITTEE.

Representatives CAMPBELL and TAYLOR having each successively declined serving on the Special Committee to investigate the subject of the New-Orleans riots, the Speaker has appointed Representative MCCULLOUGH to fill the vacancy. The Committee, therefore, will consist of Messrs. ELIOT, of Massachusetts, SHELLABARGER, of Ohio, and MCCULLOUGH, of Maryland. Subpœnas have already been sent to New-Orleans for witnesses, and Sergeant-at-Arms ORDWAY expects to accompany the Committee to New-Orleans on Monday.

FEMALE CLERKS IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Remonstrances are crowding upon the Secretary of the Treasury against the proposed discharge of the female employes. This, with the continual crowd of applicants for employment, and the calls of Congressmen and other friends in their behalf, and the increased number of visitors, to protest against the dismissal of those now in office, occupies much of the time of the Secretary of the Treasury, his assistants and the chief clerk, to the neglect of the public business. The inclination of the Department, however, notwithstanding all this pressure, is to adhere to the previous conclusion, and to dispense with all female employes about the first of January next.

GEN. SCHOFIELD'S DECISION IN THE WATSON CASE.

Your correspondent at Richmond telegraphs this Bureau as follows concerning Gen. SCHOFIELD'S decision in the Watson murder case:

RICHMOND, Friday, Dec. 14.

In the case of Dr. WATSON, of Rockbridge County, held by the military authorities for the murder of a negro, in consequence of the refusal of the examining Court to hold him for trial before a jury, Gen. SCHOFIELD to-day decided adversely to the application of his counsel for his release and has announced his intention of putting WATSON on trial before a Military Commission, which will assemble in this city on Wednesday next. Gen. SCHOFIELD, in making known this determination, does not go into any analysis either of the law or facts of the case, but contents himself with the announcement of his conviction of his legal right under the act of Congress to take cognizance of the case, and that upon the failure of the civil authorities to bring WATSON to trial, it is his duty to do so. The case has created considerable comment, as it is evidence that military authority, to a certain extent, is still existent in Virginia.

The State Senate to-day passed the Virginia Express Company Bill, but with so many amendments that its poison is thoroughly extracted, and it may now be considered harmless.

The House of Delegates to-day passed an act amendatory of the act of last session, by which the time for the payment of interest on private debts was extended from the 1st of January, 1867, to the 1st of the ensuing August.

A SUBSIDY WITHDRAWN.

The Senate to-day, in considering the Deficiency Bill, struck out the $40,000 subsidy for the Overland Telegraph Company. The Senate holds that the Company have repeatedly violated their charter from the Government, especially in the matter of their charges, and that the subsidy heretofore granted should therefore be withheld. The amendment was concurred in by the House, and the bill now awaits the President's signature.

REISSUE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.

The House to-day established an important precedent in the matter of the reissue of lost Government bonds or Treasury notes. The well-known case of OBER, MANSON & Co., of New-York, who ask to be reimbursed for $60,000 in compound interest notes sent by mail in a registered package to their house in New-Orleans and lost, in October, 1865, by the sinking of the steamship *Republic*, came up from the Committee on Claims, and the bill was finally passed by the small majority of ten. The bill provides that a reissue shall only take place six months after the notes become due, and upon satisfactory evidence of loss, and a bond of indemnity to the Government in amount and surety to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

A POLITICAL PLEASURE TRIP.

A number of Senators and Representatives and several journalists have accepted an invitation of the Through Line Railroad to New-Orleans, and expect to depart for that city on a pleasure trip, by the way of Chattanooga and Grand Junction, on or about the 20th inst. The party expect to be absent about ten days.

THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER FORREST.

Dispatches have been received by the Navy Department from Commander H. BOLANDO, dated St. Croix, W. I., United States steamer *Florida*, in quarantine, Nov. 26, 1866, communicating intelligence of the death of Lieutenant-Commander MOREAU FORREST of that ship, who died Nov. 24 of yellow fever, after a sickness of seven days, and was buried at sea in consequence of the prohibition by the civil authorities of his interment on shore; and, at the request of his messmates and medical attendants, lost by keeping the body until the quarantine was raised, the 27th of that month, the contagion should spread throughout the ship.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The following is the action of the Supreme Court, to-day, in the test oath cases: *Ex Parte*, A. H. GARLAND—In this case, which is made a test case for all of its class, the Chief-Justice yesterday announced that on consideration of the motion made for a re-opening and re-argument of the case, it was ordered that the same be overruled.

CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER-MEETING.

About thirty Senators and Representatives met at the Capitol last night and organized a Congressional prayer-meeting, with Senator FOSTER for President and Representative DODGE as Secretary, to be held once a week. Remarks were made by Senators WILSON, FOSTER, WILLEY and HENDERSON, and Representatives PATTERSON, DODGE, MAYNARD and GRINNELL. The meetings are to be held without regard to denominational distinctions.

THE QUESTION OF SELLING GOLD.

The bill introduced into the House by Mr. BOUTWELL, proposing that the Secretary of the Treasury sell two millions gold weekly on certain conditions, was taken up at the meeting of the Committee of Ways and Means, to which it had been referred this morning, and elicited considerable discussion. No vote upon it, however, was taken.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.....FRIDAY, Dec. 14.

PETITION.

Mr. FESSENDEN presented the petition of the Assistant Assessors in South Carolina, for compensation of services rendered. Referred to the Finance Committee.

DEFICIENCY BILL.

Mr. FESSENDEN, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill passed by the House a few days since, making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for Government service for the fiscal year ending June, 1867. Read three times and passed with certain amendments of the Senate Finance Committee; among them are the striking out of the item of $45,000 for facilitating telegraphic communication between the Atlantic and Pacific States. The bill goes back to the House for its concurrence in the amendments.

INCREASED PAY OF ARMY OFFICERS.

Mr. WILSON presented a petition for increased pay of army officers. Referred to the Military Committee.

THE LAND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Mr. POMEROY, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported in favor of printing 5,000 copies of the Land Commissioner's Report for 1866, in German, 5,000 in French, and 5,000 in the Swedish language, for distribution at the Paris Exhibition, and 5,000 in English for the use of the Senate.

The Report was referred, on motion, to the Committee on Printing.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr. GRIMES presented a memorial of the clerks in the Departments for increased compensation. Referred to the Finance Committee.

PAY TO WIDOWS OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

Mr. POLAND presented a resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to pay to the widows of the late SOLOMON FOOT and JACOB COLLAMER the amount due them to the time of their death, under the act increasing the compensation of Senators and Members. Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

PAYMENT TO TENNESSEE SENATORS.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Senate, stating that his attention had been called to the question of the payment of the Senators admitted from the State of Tennessee at the last session of Congress, and as the question properly pertains to the presiding officer of the Senate, he desired to be informed whether the payment of compensation to them is to be made from the commencement of the Thirty-ninth Congress, from the date of their admission as Senators. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. RAMSAY introduced a bill providing that Agricultural and Mechanical College script issued according to law, shall be receivable in payment of preemption claims, when duly assigned to preemptors, and the requirements in such cases as the location, according to the technical quarter section, is hereby modified so as to make it locatable upon the preemption settlement according to legal subdivision. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill authorizing the establishment of a library in the City of Washington for the use of Government employees, and other persons; that the Secretary of the Interior be required to lease a suitable building for the purpose named; that the books now in the possession of the Executive Departments of the Government and used as libraries for clerks and employees, shall be turned over to the Secretary of the Interior, or to some suitable person designated by him, who shall cause them to be deposited in the building provided, and properly arranged and classified; that the librarians of the several departments shall prepare catalogues of the books under their charge to be verified by the person designated by the Secretary of the Interior to receive them. When the employment of such persons as librarians shall cease and they be assigned to other duty, that the library and reading-room shall be open to all persons for reference, free of cost, and Government employees desiring to use books at their homes, may do so by paying an annual tax of $1, and other citizens of the District shall have the same privilege upon the payment of $5; that the library shall be open from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., and be under the charge of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall appoint one librarian at a salary of $2,000, one assistant at $1,500, and one messenger at $1,000, and that $10,000 be appropriated to carry the bill into effect.

The bill was ordered to be printed.

A PROPOSED NEW ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC.

Mr. SPRAGUE offered a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Navy to send directions to naval officers in command at Panama and Aspinwall, to render what assistance lies in their power, without incurring additional expense to the Government, to certain persons engaged in the survey of a new route to the Pacific across the Isthmus of Darien, upon application being made to them.

Mr. SPRAGUE explained the resolution and advocated its passage.

Mr. CONNESS spoke in favor of the resolution, but thought specific directions ought to be given instead of ordering it on the application named. He was glad the subject had been introduced, and hoped Congress would afford all possible facilities to such a worthy enterprise.

Mr. GRIMES suggested that the resolution be modified so that the directions of the Secretary of the Navy might be given to all officers at the place named.

The resolution was modified as suggested, and pending its adoption the House took up a concurrent resolution that both Houses adjourn from Thursday next till Thursday, Jan. 3. Objection being made to its immediate consideration, it went over.

DEBATE ON THE NEBRASKA BILL.

Mr. WADE moved that the Senate take up the bill to admit Nebraska. A long debate followed.

THE DARIEN ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC.

Pending the consideration of this subject, Mr. SPRAGUE called up the joint resolution concerning the survey of the Isthmus of Darien, which was passed.

THE NEBRASKA BILL CONTINUED.

Mr. HENDRICKS took the floor in opposition to the bill and pending amendments, taking the grounds that the majority in favor of the State Government at the election in Nebraska was very small.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

Mr. GRIMES moved to suspend further consideration, and take up the resolution for the holiday recess.

The resolution was taken up. Mr. FESSENDEN opposed it. If gentlemen flattered themselves that there was nothing to do, all he had to say was to call their attention to the debate of an hour's length today, on the mere motion to take up a bill. The Bankrupt Bill, the pending bill, the bill to repeal the President's Amnesty Power, and a great many others were to be considered. It was said by some gentlemen that the Fortieth Congress would assemble on the 4th of March. Probably it would, but only to organize and adjourn.

Mr. SHERMAN said his experience was that it was impossible to get a quorum during the holidays.

After further discussion, the yeas and nays were demanded on the resolution to adjourn from Dec. 20 to Jan. 8.

Mr. JOHNSON called for the reading of the resolution, and it was discovered that by an omission it provided only for the adjournment of the House. On motion of Mr. CONNESS, the words "Senate and" was inserted before House, and as thus amended the resolution was adopted—yeas 27, nays 16.

Messrs. CHANDLER, DIXON, FESSENDEN, FOSTER, FOOG, HOWARD, JOHNSON, KIRKWOOD, LANE, PATTERSON, SAULSBURY, SUMNER, TRUMBULL, WADE, WILLIAMS and WILSON voted in the negative.

The resolution now goes to the House for concurrence in the verbal amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. HENDRICKS resumed the floor on the Nebraska Bill, but yielded to

Mr. BROWN, on whose motion it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. WILSON the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MR. KASSON'S TELEGRAPHIC BILL.

Mr. KASSON introduced a bill to authorize the purchase or construction of a military or postal line of telegraph under the direction of the Post-office Department.

Referred to the Post-office Committee and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KASSON'S Telegraph Bill authorizes the construction of a line of telegraph from Washington to Boston, *via* Baltimore, Philadelphia, New-York, New-Haven and Springfield, with necessary intermediate stations. The second section provides for advertising for proposals for materials for construction, and provides that all shall be of the first-class and quality; bids to be received and opened as contracts for mail letting are now at the Post-office Department. The third section provides for receiving, also, proposals from existing lines for the sale of the same to the United States at a reduction of not less than —— per cent. on the best proposals for the construction of a new line. The fourth section provides that in case such proposal of sale shall not be accepted, then the new line shall be put under contract and completed in six months after notice to contractor. The fifth section provides for the use of the line by the public at rates to be greatly reduced on the present tariff, and makes the system part of the postal management, using Post-offices and their employes.

MR. WASHBURNE'S TELEGRAPH BILL.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, introduced a bill for construction of a Government Telegraph from Washington to New-York City.

Referred to the Post-office Committee and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WASHBURNE'S bill is as follows:

Be it enacted, &c. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to construct a telegraph line from the City of Washington to the City of New-York, and the said telegraph line declared to be a mail route, subject to all existing laws in relation to mail routes in the United States the same may be applicable; and the said Postmaster-General shall have power and authority to establish the necessary offices for the use of the said line, and shall have authority and power to procure all necessary room for offices, and to procure a sufficient number of agents and operators to operate said line of telegraph.

Section 2 provides that no message shall be sent over the said line unless it shall be stamped with a 3 cent postage stamp; and there shall be an uniform rate for the transmission of messages, without regard to distance, of one-half a cent for each word. Except for the said word of any message there shall be no charge; but no message shall be sent for a less sum than ten cents. And there shall be charged two cents for the delivery of each and every message; provided that the Government shall be entitled to send and receive all its messages over said lines free of charge, and shall have priority in sending all messages.

SEC. 3. That the sum of $50,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

PETITION FOR TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT IN LOUISIANA.

Mr. SHELLABARGER presented a memorial from the loyal people of Louisiana, asking Congress to establish, under the care of the United States, a Government for that State. The document is signed by the Governor and several thousand electors of Louisiana. It was referred to the Select Committee on the New-Orleans riots.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. JULIAN introduced a bill providing for civil Governments for the districts lately in revolt against the Government of the United States. The bill provides for temporary Territorial Governments for all the late rebel States except Tennessee; suffrage being given to all males without respect to color, and all who have borne arms against the United States, or held civil or military office under the Confederacy, to be ineligible either to hold office or to vote. The bill was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

INVALID PENSIONS.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, of New-York, the Committee on Invalid Pensions was instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a time when pensions to widows and orphan children of soldiers and sailors, reported missing in action, and not subsequently accounted for during the late rebellion, shall begin.

PAYMENT OF LOST GOVERNMENT NOTES.

Under the call of the Committees for reports, Mr. DELANO, from Cincinnati, reported a joint resolution for the relief of ABER NAWSON & Co, merchants of New-York. It directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to that firm 1,300 compound notes of the denomination of $50 each, to replace the sum of $60,000 deposited in the Post-office in the City of New-York, Oct. 18, 1865, directed to ABER ATWATER & Co., of New-Orleans, which package was registered and a receipt given by the Postmaster of New-York, but went down in the steamship *Republic*, lost at sea on the 25th of Oct., 1865, the firm to execute a bond of indemnity with adequate securities.

The bill gave rise to considerable discussion, and was finally passed—yeas, 76; nays, 67.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House proceeded to dispose of the business on the Speaker's table. The first business taken from the Speaker's table was the Senate amendments to the Deficiency Bill. The amendments were agreed to, and the bill now awaits the President's signature.

THE TAX ON CIGARS.

The next business taken from the Speaker's table was a joint resolution, introduced last session by Mr. STEVENS, providing that such parts of the Internal Revenue Bill as refer to the tax on cigars be so construed that the *ad valorem* duty of 20 per cent. shall be levied only on the excess of value over $12 per thousand. The joint resolution was explained and advocated by Messrs. STEVENS and SCHENCK, and opposed by Messrs. MORRILL and ALLISON. Finally, on motion of Mr. MORRILL, it was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PROTECTION OF PASSENGERS ON STEAMBOATS.

The next business taken from the Speaker's table was the Senate joint resolution amending the ninth section of the act amendatory of the Act to Provide for the Better Security of the Lives of Passengers on Steamers. It was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE IN THE DISTRICT.

The next business taken from the Speaker's table was the Senate bill passed yesterday, to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia. Mr. INGERSOLL demanded the previous question. Mr. HALE asked Mr. INGERSOLL to permit an amendment to be offered making an educational qualification in order to test the sense of the House upon it. [Murmurs of "No, no," among the Republicans.] Mr. INGERSOLL declined to yield for that purpose, and the House seconded the previous question. The bill was read three times, and the House proceeded to vote by yeas and nays on its passage. The vote resulted in yeas 118, nays 46. The Speaker directed the clerks to call his name and voted aye. So the bill was passed.

There was no unusual excitement in the House, and there was no manifestations of any kind on the announcement of the result.

The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Alley, Allison, Ames, Anderson, Ashley of Nevada, Ashley of Ohio, Baker, Baldwin, Barker, Baxter, Bingham, Blaine, Blow, Boutwell, Brandegee, Broomall, Buckland, Bundy, Clarke of Ohio, Clarke of Kansas, Cobb, Conkling, Culiom, Dawes, Defrees, Delano, Deming, Dixon, Dodge, Donnelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eggleston, Eliot, Farnsworth, Ferry, Garfield, Grinnell, Griswold, Hale, Harding, Hart, Hawkins, Hayes, Henderson, Higby, Hill, Holmes, Hooper, Hotchkiss, Hubbard, Jr., of New-York, Hubbard of Connecticut, Hubbell of Ohio, Hulburd, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Julian, Kelly, Kasson, Kelso, Ketcham, Koontze, Laflin, Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Lawrence of Ohio, Lean, Longyear, Marston, Marvin, Maynard, McIndoe, McKee, Mercur, Miller, Moorhead, Morris, Moulton, Newell, O'Neil, Orth, Paine, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Pomeroy, Price, Raymond, Rice of Massachusetts, Rollins, Samuel, Schenck, Schofield, Shellabarger, Sloan, Spalding, Starr, Stevens, Stokes, Francis Thomas, Thayer, Trowbridge, Upson, VanAernam, Van Horn New-York, Warner, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Wentworth, Williams, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Pennsylvania, Windom, Woodbridge and Schuyler Colfax—118.

NAYS—Messrs. Ancona, Berren, Boyer, Campbell, Chanler, Cooper, Dawson, Dennison, Eldridge, Finck, Glossbrenner, Goodyear, Harding, Harris, House, Hogan, Hubbard of West Virginia, Hubbell of New-York, Hunter, Kerr, Kuykendall, Latham, Lebiond, Leftwick, Marshall, McKee, Niblack, Nicholson, Noell, Randall of Pennsylvania, Randall of Kentucky, Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Rousseau, Shanklin, Stigreaves, Stilwell, Strouse, Taber, Taylor of Tennessee, Taylor of New-York, Thornton, Ward of Kentucky, Whaley—46.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, the House agreed to adjourn over till Monday.

Mr. WIDE obtained the floor, and on his motion the Committee rose.

THE NEW-ORLEANS RIOT COMMITTEE.

Mr. TAYLOR, of Tennessee, was, at his request, excused from further service on Select Committee on New-Orleans Riot, and Mr. MCCULLOUGH was appointed in his stead.

CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill. Read twice, and made the special order for Tuesday next.

POSTMASTERS' ACCOUNTS.

Mr. BIDWELL introduced a bill to provide for the adjustment of accounts of Postmasters under the act of July 27, 1854. Referred to Post-office Committee.

EXTRA RATIONS.

Mr. PAINE introduced a bill to place all officers of the army on the same footing thereon as to allowance for extra rations for the volunteer service. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE LIFE OF MAN SYMBOLIZED BY THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, in a Series of Illustrations by JOHN LEIGHTON, F. S. A., and Portrayed in their Seasons and Phases, with Passages Selected from Ancient and Modern Authors. By RICHARD PIGOT. London: LONGMANS, GREEN, READER & DYER. New-York: D. APPLETON & Co.

The plan of this book is unique, and to a certain extent original. It is divided into twelve sections, corresponding with the months of the year, and the development of nature from the germination of the seed to the decay of the tree. Appropriate selections from ancient and modern writers, adapted to the different periods of human life, evidently selected with the greatest care, make up the letter-press of the volume, which is illustrated with twenty-five full-page engravings and innumerable marginal devices and decorative initial letters and tail pieces, all from original designs by Mr. LEIGHTON, who has a wide transatlantic reputation as an artist of talent and skill. The very plan of the book and the careful elaboration with which every detail is worked out give it an air of stiffness, that must detract from the popularity of the work, in spite of the lavish expenditure so apparent in its preparation.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLLY. By "Marion Harland." New-York: CARLETON & Co.

"Marion Harland" is so well known to the younger portion of American humanity as to make it altogether superfluous to introduce her to them as their friend. This work will give her new claims on their affection, for it is a forcible plea to parents not to neglect their children during the holiday season now so near at hand, and fathers or mothers who may have regarded Christmas as but little different from other days will find it hard to let it pass without fitting commemoration this year if they will only read of the way in which "Nettie's prayer" was answered by her matter-of-fact father and not over sympathizing mother. The lesson which this sketch conveys to parents will probably be much more effective than the exhortations comprised in a "Christmas talk with mothers," which occupies the second half of *The Christmas Holly*. The book is attractively bound and well printed. The illustrations, too, are very delicately colored, although it would have been easy to have procured more graceful designs.

POEMS By JEAN INGELOW, with illustrations engraved by the BROTHERS DALZIEL. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS.

The most enthusiastic admirers of JEAN INGELOW,—and she numbers as many and as warm friends on this side the Atlantic as she does on the other,—must acknowledge that justice is done her in this very handsome volume, which is in every respect a fitting tribute to her genius. It is profusely illustrated by PINWELL, POYNTER, WORTH, WOLF, HOUGHTON, SMALL and the Brothers DALZIEL, all artists of the highest reputation in England, and their designs give the best proof possible that they have entered fully into the spirit of the poetry they have endeavored to interpret. Some of the engravings are worked up in that peculiar antique style which seems to have gained a much wider popularity in England than it has done here, but nearly all of them are admirable specimens of the perfection to which the art of illustrating upon wood has been brought. The volume, which is a handsome quarto, is elegantly but rather elaborately bound, and we believe contains all of the poems of Miss INGELOW, who is certainly the first of the living female writers of verse.

FOLK SONGS—Selected and edited by JOHN WILLIAMSON PALMER, M. D. Illustrated from original designs. A new edition, revised and enlarged. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co.

When this volume first made its appearance in 1860, critics generally conceded that it was not only the most complete collection of the kind extant, but that it was the most artistic specimen of book-making ever produced in this country; and it is safe to say that nothing has been published during the last six years which can supersede or surpass it. This new edition of *Folk Songs* has 250 additional pages, three new autograph poems and 25 new engravings from original designs, (making over 100 in all,) and every one by our own artists. The additions have been made on the whole with the same unfailing taste and kindly appreciation which characterized the selections in the original edition; and the great variety of its contents makes it certain that it would hardly be possible to select a gift-book which would be so sure to please and gratify the recipient as this.

THE COTTER'S SATURDAY NIGHT. By ROBERT BURNS. Illustrated by F. A. CHAPMAN. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER, & Co.

It is certainly a curious fact that the insatiable demand for illustrated works, which has had such decided development during the last few years, should not before this have led to the selection of this picturesque and suggestive poem, as a fit theme for the artist to exercise his skill upon; and it is not very creditable to the countrymen of BURNS that the work of bringing out with the pencil the beauties of this, one of his most popular productions, should have been first performed in America. Mr. CHAPMAN's illustrations exhibit careful study of the poem, although some of them do not respond fully to its touching sentiment. The work of engraving has been carefully done; the paper is of a delicate tint, and of the firmest texture, and the typography is excellent. The volume is one which deserves wide popularity as a gift-book.

TWO HUNDRED SKETCHES, HUMOROUS AND GROTE QUE, by G. DORE. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS.

GRISET'S GROTESQUES, OR JOKES DRAWN ON WOOD, WITH RHYMES, by TOM HOOD. One hundred quaint designs engraved by the Brothers DALZIEL. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS.

These two volumes, which are full of fun, will furnish abundant amusement as well to the admirers of the artists whose skill they respectively illustrate as to those who are not so familiar with their productions. Notwithstanding the extravagant encomiums lavished upon all that DORE has done, and especially upon his grotesque illustrations, those who have studied his more ambitious works will, we fear on the whole, be disappointed with these manifestations of his genius. They are so broadly exaggerated that they leave little for the lovers of the humorous to study out. To a certain extent *Griset's Grotesques* are open to the same criticism, but both volumes will doubtless be widely popular with those who admire this peculiar style of illustration.

BITTER SWEET. A Poem. By J. G. HOLLAND. Illustrated by E. J. WHITNEY. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co.

Whatever critics may have to say about Dr. HOLLAND's writings, there is no question regarding the fact that they are admirably adapted to the popular taste. Of this the enormous sale of *Bitter Sweet*—said to be larger than that of any other single American poem—furnishes abundant proof. This edition of this popular poem, with WHITNEY's illustrations, was produced a year or two ago, and in its present form it has the very acceptable addition of a likeness of Dr. HOLLAND engraved upon steel. Printers and binders have done everything in their power to add new attractions to the volume.

HOPEFULLY WAITING AND OTHER VERSES. By ANSON D. F. RANDOLPH. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co.

The verses by Mr. RANDOLPH, the well-known publisher, which have appeared from time to time in our religious weeklies and monthlies, are here gathered together in a tasteful little volume, and prove that his poetical abilities are decidedly above the average. The poems display marked facility of expression and an easy flowing rhythm, and are all inspired by a healthy religious sentiment. Their production by Messrs. SCRIBNER & Co. is a very graceful compliment to their fellow-publishor.

Juvenile Books.

With the near approach of the holiday season, books for the juveniles begin to come in upon us with a rapidity which precludes the possibility of doing very little more than to mention them by their titles. Among those deserving special prominence is *Laboulaye's Fairy Book*, which has been translated by MARY L. BOOTH, and is published in very attractive style by Messrs. HARPER & BROTHERS. M. LABOULAYE proved himself such a good and firm friend of our Government during the late struggle that the younger portion of the community owe it to themselves to give him the same cordial greeting which their elders always extend him; but, independent of such considerations, this volume is sure to make its way upon its merits alone. The fairy tales which M. LABOULAYE tells are those of all nations—excepting perhaps the United States—and they are narrated with an ease and grace which the translator has very well preserved. One of the tales, that of "Yvon and Finette," has already been published separately by a Boston house, but there is hardly one in the volume which is not equal to it, and several are decidedly superior. "Abdallah; or, The Four-leaved Clover," for instance, compares favorably with any of the standard fairy tales by any writer. The graceful dedication of the *Fairy Book* to his grand-daughter by M. LABOULAYE is accompanied with one quite as graceful to his "young friends in America," showing that this is the author's edition. The book is quite freely illustrated and well printed, and although we have classed the work with publications for juveniles, it is one the perusal of which those who do not claim to come within that limit will enjoy greatly.

—Messrs. D. APPLETON & Co. publish in cheap form two thin quartos for children—*Cinderella* and *Little Red Riding Hood*—the title-pages of each of which assert that the illustrations are by GUSTAVE DORE. The designs have evidently been copied from those in the *Fairy Tales* for this special purpose, but the colors with which they are covered make it very difficult to identify them, and few would suspect that the great artist in question was responsible for them if the fact were not stated.

—Boys and girls,—the majority of them at least,—will be likely to study more closely than they do their school books a little manual just published by DICK & FILZGERALD, entitled *The Play Room*, and which is a complete collection of home recreations. It includes round games, forfeits, slate and forfeits, numerous table and toy games, and a large collection of evening amusements.

—*The Wonderful Stories of Fuz Buz, the Fly, and Mother Grabem, the Spider*, is a delightful series of fairy tales illustrated very prettily with a number of designs, some of which are decidedly odd and quite amusing. It is published by Messrs. J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.

—The *Ravel Story Books* (Philadelphia: J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.,) comprise "Mazulm," "Jocko" and "White Knight." The illustrations are in those gaudy colors which make the decided contrasts children can so well appreciate.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

INTERNAL REVENUE FRAUDS.

Seizure of Illicit Whisky Distilleries—Consternation Among the Swindlers—The Examination in the Brooklyn Cases—Interesting Scene in Court.

The recent numerous seizures of whisky distilleries by officers acting under orders from Collector SHERIDAN SHOOK, of the Internal Revenue Department, has thrown the whole corps of illicit manufacturers into consternation. The amount of fraud upon the Government perpetrated by whisky distillers is scarcely equaled by the great cotton frauds about which there was so much said during the war. The heavy tax on whisky—$2 per gallon—renders the successful evasion of payment of the tax an exceedingly profitable speculation, and one in which some prominent citizens of this City—men who claim to be respectable—have been engaged. Thousands of gallons of whisky are made in this City every day, and on less than one-quarter of this is the tax paid. The evasion of the payment enables the illicit distillers to sell their whisky in the market at a less sum per gallon than the tax amounts to. Whisky can be bought here in any quantities for $1 60 per gallon, if the purchaser only knows where to look for it, and the distiller at that price makes nearly a dollar per gallon profit. It is well known that many of the Inspectors appointed by the Government to watch these distilleries, have been paid large sums to keep their eyes closed and their tongues quiet. By thus bribing the officers, distillers who report the manufacture of from one to six barrels per day have in reality been making from ten to twenty barrels. There are several having a capacity equal to four or five hundred gallons per day which never reported more than fifty. They pay tax on the number of gallons reported, and the remainder is thrown into market duty free. By this means legitimate and honest manufacturers, who were content to comply with the law, have been driven from the market and forced to close their distilleries. So great has this swindle become that the Government decided to adopt stringent measures for its suppression. Accordingly Collector SHOOK had his powers enlarged, and, in connection with Inspector J. C. HORTON has inaugurated a raid upon the illicit distillers, which, if it does not entirely break up the traffic, will at least cost some of them a large portion of their ill-gotten gains. During the present week about thirty distilleries have been seized by the officers, and, together with all the liquor found on the premises, placed in charge of agents of the Government. Legal proceedings will be commenced against the proprietors as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared. The names of these proprietors have been already given to the readers of the TIMES. Yesterday two additional seizures were made—the distilleries of HENRY WENDEHOME, No. 202 Chambers-street, and that of PHILIP STRICK, No. 90 Park-street. The first of these has a capacity equal to the production of six barrels per day, and the latter to twenty barrels per day. A number of other distilleries were visited yesterday by the officers, but the previous arrests made had frightened the proprietors so badly that they had run off all their stock and closed their places. Out of several hundred distilleries known to exist in the City probably less than twenty were running yesterday. They will probably remain closed for a few days, and then resume operations. It is rumored that one distiller has been able to pay $30,000 to Government inspectors to "let up on him," and then acquired a fortune from his profits.

Beside the fright occasioned by these wholesale arrests, a further cause of alarm has stricken terror to the souls of the guilty swindlers, official and otherwise. So great have been the frauds, Congress has seen fit to appoint a special Committee to investigate those perpetrated in New-York and vicinity. The Committee consists of Messrs. DARLING of New-York, BEAMAN of Michigan, MYERS of Pennsylvania, EGGLESTON of Ohio, and TRIMBLE of Kentucky, with an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. These gentlemen arrived yesterday morning and took rooms at the Astor House, where the investigation will commence on Monday morning. The Committee is empowered to look into all frauds perpetrated upon the Revenue Department by dealers in liquor and tobacco, and also to ascertain what cases have been settled up to this time, what sums have been paid for such settlements, and who received the amounts paid. It is stated that suspicion has a high official in Washington is implicated in these frauds caused the appointment of this Committee. The sittings of the Committee will be held in secret, and the result of its investigations will not be known until its report is published. Meantime, the proper officers are making all possible dispatch in preparing papers, in order that the persons whose premises have been seized may be brought to speedy trial.

THE CASES OF CHAS. K. CHAPMAN AND CUNNINGHAM AND DAVIS—SCENE IN COURT.

An examination in the case of the United States *vs.* CHAS. K. CHAPMAN was made before Commissioner NEWTON yesterday, at 10 A. M., in Brooklyn, charged with having removed spirits from a distillery to a place other than a bonded warehouse. JOHN D. WANDERLEY, Metropolitan Detective, testified that he arrested the defendant on Nov. 23, as he was coming out of a stable in Fortieth-avenue with three barrels of whisky. Deputy-Collector TOBEY testified that the barrels contained whisky, and that he seized it, there being no brand upon it as having been inspected; that back of the stable was a still; the fire having been just extinguished, they had been evidently manufacturing whisky; that the still was capable of running about 100 gallons a day. The defendant is still under arrest.

The case of the United States *vs.* WM. DAVIS and CUNNINGHAM was continued at 12 M., yesterday, before Commissioner JONES.

George H. Meyers recalled—Noticed a gauge mark on some of the barrels seized on Nov. 14; on the 16th, about ten A. M., met Mr. Jas. Gill in Troy, and a Mr. Davis, the defendant; Davis told me he inspected the spirits, and he showed his appointment dated Oct. 29; he pointed to five barrels and said that was his brand; saw them again in the Collector's office; Davis said he inspected thirty barrels in October; he did not know how much he had inspected in November; I told him the barrels were seized because I did not see the brand "U. S. tax paid;" he said he omitted it accidentally, and would remedy it by having a plate cut; he said he wanted to go to New-York, and I referred him to Mr. McMurray, in the Collector's office; Gill was with him on the 16th; James Gill was trying to sell the spirits in Troy; saw a letter from Gill to Mr. Gear, containing an inclosure.

Gen. P. S. CROOK, counsel for the defendant, objected.

The District-Attorney stated the inclosure was a check for $100, and that DAVIS was seeking the release of the whisky.

The Commissioner refused to receive the paper in evidence at the present stage.

A. C. Gear, sworn: Reside in Troy; am Collector of the Fifteen District, New-York; was told whisky was offered for sale without the brand; gave orders for its seizure, which was twenty-two barrels; found Gill & Myers in the back office; Gill asked that the spirits be released; I only responded by reading the law; on the following Saturday received the letter and check; did not see Davis at all; wrote a letter to the Third Collection District on the 17th.

H. McLaughlin, sworn: Am Deputy-Collector of the Third District; have reported upon Cunningham's distillery; these six papers were handed into the office on Nov. 23; they were handed me by Mr. Massy; the handwriting of the filling is by Tappan; that is my signature, [referring to paper;] Cunningham never called at the office; a check came from Massy in the letter, properly certified.

F. W. Tappan, sworn: Heard of the seizure at Troy by McLaughlin; do not know Cunningham; I wrote that (referring to letter,) at McLaughlin's request; do not know Davis; this letter is to Mr. Gear, and is an answer; believe Cunningham is Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; no returns from Cunningham in my office; when Cunningham paid his duties the permit was given for withdrawing from bonded warehouse; the twenty barrels were never entered as being placed in a bonded warehouse; the tax was paid Nov. 24; I hesitated to enter them, as there was an irregularity.

Fred. Massey sworn: Mr. Cunningham is Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and a distiller; the distillery is located at No. 182 Plymouth-street; it commenced 31st Oct; heard of the seizure of spirits; made out the returns at his request; am not in business; sold at one time 22 barrels to a stranger on ten days' credit; the distillery ran two or three nights after the seizure, by order of the Marshal, and the mash was cleaned out; am one of Cunningham's bondsmen in the amount of $2,500; am the lessee of the premises at $3,800 per annum; I let a portion of them to Cunningham for $1,200; there were 17 beer tubs, each having the capacity of about 2,000 gallons; saw Davis at the distillery about the 20th or 30th October; the 20 barrels I sold I think were in the bonded warehouse; I loaned Cunningham $1,500 to buy molasses.

Counsel for defence objected to testimony taken not specified in the charge.

The District-Attorney stated the Commissioner was a committing magistrate, and he could show a conspiracy existing between CUNNINGHAM and other parties. The Commissioner held that the line of testimony should be in accordance with the charge, but should not exclude the testimony.

Witness—Have known Davis about five years.

Q.—Did you recommend Davis as an Inspector? [Witness said he declined to answer the questions on the ground that the evidence might be used to criminate himself.]

The Commissioner held that no innocent man need fear telling the truth on the ground that it would convict him of a crime of which he knows he is innocent.

A RETICENT WITNESS.

Q.—Would those questions put to you, convict you of a crime? Witness declined to answer.

Q.—Is your silence proof that you believe that the answers to these questions may form a link in the chain of evidence, which would convict you of a crime? Witness declined to answer.

Q.—Did you know the maker of this still before Cunningham applied to him to purchase it? Witness declined to answer.

The Commissioner said the question might be modified, as, do you believe your answer may criminate you?

Witness—I decline to answer because it may criminate myself.

By the District Attorney—Q.—Is there any other question you will answer? Witness declined.

Q.—How did Cunningham pay for that still? Witness declined on the same ground.

The District Attorney then said he would suspend the examination.

Adjourned to Dec. 29 at 10 A. M.

The Paris Exposition—Interesting Collection of Surgical and Sanitary Inventions from the United States.

Some time ago, at a meeting of Americans resident in Paris, it was resolved that action should be taken whereby the United States might be adequately represented in the Exposition to be held in 1867. Among the gentlemen prominent in this movement was Dr. EVANS, of Paris, who pledged himself to bear the whole expense, if necessary. It was then suggested that a collection of the Sanitary inventions and improvements made and used during the rebellion should be obtained and sent to the Exposition. Dr. CRANE was intrusted with the task of making the collection, and he has well fulfilled it. The *Harpswell*, which sailed a few days ago, took out a very large number of articles collected by Dr. CRANE, and others are now waiting shipment.

Among the collection is a hospital car, one-fourth the size and *fac simile* of the one designed by Dr. ELIZABETH HARRIS, of New York, for the Sanitary Commission in 1862. The car is fifteen feet in length. The outside is painted with lake and gold, with three medallion designs on each side. The interior arrangements are as follows: At one end is an apparatus for heating ice, coffee and water, and in the same end is an ice-water tank; opposite is a lounge, which can be converted into a dissecting table by removing the top; an apothecary's shop completes the furniture. At the other end are a wash-room, water-closet and stove. Thirty stretchers, swung on India-rubber loops, fill the remainder of the car, leaving a passage-way through the centre. The springs supplied with a patent brake, and the trucks and wheels are built on the American principle. The ventilators are self-acting. A patent stove, with hot-air pipes, connects underneath the car with six registers, which can be opened or shut at will. The car was manufactured by CUMMINGS & SON, of Jersey City, and cost $2,000.

Models of PEROT & AUTENREITH'S medicine wagons are also in the collection, the cost of each model being $1,000.

Four ambulances, full size, will also be sent. One is the invention of Mr. HOWARD, of this City, and is the one recommended by the Sanitary Commission. Another is BRAINARD'S, with RUCKER'S improvements. The third is PEROT'S, and the other the Philadelphia Fire Companies' ambulance intended or city use only.

A Christian Commission coffee wagon in use in the field at the time of LEE's surrender, will probably attract some attention.

Very complete models of the West Philadelphia and Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia) barrack hospitals will be sent. The models show the interior construction of the buildings, system of ventilation, *latrines*, &c., with the manner in which the *latrines* are deodorized by the passage through them of a current of air. The models cost $500 each.

A model of the log hospital at City Point has been prepared, and sent.

A complete assortment of PEROT & DUNTON'S pantiers, mess chests, hospital knapsacks, with WOODCOCK'S horse litter, and a set of TIEMANN'S surgical instruments, will be in the collection.

Next come a set of HUDSON'S artificial limbs, CROSBY'S invalid bed, GORDON & BUCK'S fracture apparatus, splints, bandages, &c.

One of the most interesting articles in the collection is a Sanitary Commission tent, furnished with samples of everything that the Commission dispensed during the various campaigns. Desiccated and preserved food of all kinds, clothing and cooking apparatus are among the articles to be found in the tent.

It should be understood that this collection is entirely independent of any that may be sent by private individuals. It will occupy a space by itself, the Emperor NAPOLEON having given orders to that effect, and is intended to show the improvements made in surgical and sanitary science in this country during the war. The whole cost of the collection will probably exceed $26,000.

The Thirty-first-street Fire—Death of Three of the Sufferers—An Inquest to be Held To-day.

Notices were received yesterday morning at the Coroner's office, that MRS. MARY SANFORD and her infant son WILLIAM T. SANFORD, who were so terribly burned at the tenement-house fire in Thirty-first-street, and MRS. MARGARET WEBB, (who sprang from the fourth-story window on the same lamentable occasion,) were all dead from the injuries thus received. Coroner GOVER yesterday afternoon proceeded to the residence of Mrs. WEBB's brother, corner of Eighteenth-street and First-avenue, and gave the necessary permission for the burial of the body. He next proceeded to the Hospital and viewed the remains of Mrs. SANFORD and her son. It being impossible to procure the necessary witnesses in time for any extended investigation, the Coroner concluded to postpone the inquest upon all the bodies until this morning, at 11 o'clock, when it will take place at the Twenty-first Precinct Police-station, in Thirty-fifth-street, near Third-avenue. The Police are making sundry investigations in relation to the fire and its probable origin.

DAVID J. SANFORD, the husband of the deceased woman who died at Bellevue Hospital, his two children, CHARLES, aged 3 years, and MARTHA, aged 5 years, with his sister-in-law, HESTER MATTELL, aged 21 years, are still suffering from the burns received by them. Both Mr. SANFORD and Miss MATTELL are considered in a critical condition, and fail that hopes are entertained of their recovery.

Mr. WEBB, who succeeded in rescuing his children by escaping with them to the roof, stated to our reporter that had his deceased wife followed his instructions he had no doubt her life would have been saved.

City Railways.

The Commission on Railways for the City of New-York, consisting of Senators ANDREWS, LOW and CORNELL, Mayor HOFFMAN, State Engineer GOODSELL, and ALFRED W. CRAVEN, Croton Aqueduct Engineer, have been in session during the present week, and have been flooded with plans, suggestions, projects and propositions concerning the railway system of the City. Every plan has been carefully noted, studied and considered, and the Commission have decided to make a synopsis of each, embodying them all in a report to be made to the Senate.

At the last meeting held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the best method of speedily attaining the design contemplated by the Senate resolution, passed at its last session, is by the construction of underground railways; that in view of the prospective increase of travel there should be one line of such railway from the Battery to the City Hall Park, under Broadway, connecting at the City Hall Park with two or more lines of underground railway, each with double track, east and west of the line of Broadway; that to accommodate the largest passenger transportation, the following routes are recommended, each comprising two of the said first-mentioned track at the City Hall Park: One under Chatham-street to the Bowery, and Third-avenue to the Harlem River. The other under Park-place (or Murray or Warren streets, or by the most feasible route) to Hudson-street, thence under Hudson-street to Eighth-avenue, thence under Eighth-avenue to Broadway, thence under Broadway to Ninth-avenue, thence under Ninth-avenue to Harlem River. The line under Broadway, between the Battery and City Hall Park, to be constructed only as part of one or more of the through lines.

DUSTY ICE.

The Skaters Blown Back by the Wind—Few Patrons of the Ponds Yesterday.

The bitter piercing wind of yesterday, and the blinding clouds of dust which accompanied it into all manner of places, made a great number of stay-at-homes out of the young people who had intended to discover for themselves if all the news was true about strong and slippery ice, which they had read in all the papers. A very few hardy ones did venture out and were not disappointed, as they got more than they anticipated—going home with ears vermilion-tipped, eyes like dust-bins, and noses varying in tint from ultramarine to indigo.

The ponds in the neighborhood of the Park were all available, but the day was too unpleasant for outdoor sport of any kind. The dust lay on the ice and gave it a most uninviting look. The same is true of the Brooklyn and Jersey ponds. To-day, if the wind abate, and a thaw don't set in there will, no doubt, be a jolly turn out; but as the Park Lake cannot be available before Monday, then, and then only, can it be said that the season has fairly set in.

POLICE COURTS.

The Tombs—Before Justice Dowling.

A COUNTRYMAN FLEECED.

GOODHAND CLARK, a merchant of Scranton, Penn., came on to this City a day or two since, and on Thursday strolled down West-street, where he fell in with PETER O'BRIEN, who accompanied him to a dram-shop near by, and partook of several drinks. Immediately after O'BRIEN had left his new-found friend, CLARK discovered that he has been robbed of $400 which was in a pocket of his overcoat. Detective FIELD, of the Fifth Precinct, arrested O'BRIEN yesterday, and found him in possession of $100, which he offered to give CLARK, though he denied all knowledge of the remainder. He was arraigned before the Court and held for trial in default of bail. He is 27 years of age, a native of Ireland, and resides at No. 8 Caroline-street.

FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE.

A day or two since Officer CASE, of Saratoga, came o this City with a warrant from the Court of Oyer nd Terminer, for the arrest of MATHEW H. MOORE *alias* "Rocky." It appears that the accused is under indictment in Saratoga County for assaulting EDWARD MALLORY last Summer. With the assistance of the Sixth Ward Police, Officer CASE succeeded in arresting MOORE yesterday, and he was committed by the Magistrate to await the return of the warrant. Officer CASE also arrested JOHN THOMAS *alias* David Jones, who is charged with the larceny of a trunk belonging to J. W. QUINCY, containing $4,000 worth of jewelry and clothing, which was abstracted from a train in the Summer of 1864. The prisoner pretended to be a newspaper vender, and so gained access to the baggage, when he stole the trunk by means of false checks. THOMAS was duly held.

HOTEL THIEF.

An affidavit was made yesterday by JAMES R. CHAMBERLAIN, of Rochester, N. Y., against ROBERT SAMPSON, *alias* George Henderson, *alias* George Henry, a notorious hotel thief, who is in Tombs. N. Y. PERSON, in his affidavit CHAMBERLAIN alleges that on the 27th of July, 1866, his room at the St. Nicholas Hotel was entered and robbed of a diamond ring and some other articles, valued at $165. Subsequently the accused was caught at work in a Long Branch hotel, and sentenced to imprisonment for six months. At the time of his arrest the ring belonging to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN was found in his possession. A warrant is already under indictment in this City, and he will be brought from New-Jersey on requisition from Gov. FENTON at the expiration of his sentence.

Jefferson Market—Before Justice Dodge.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.

A notorious character answering to the names of GEORGE RYDER, *alias* Charles C. Gordon, *alias* "RATS," was yesterday arraigned upon the charge of an attempt at burglary. The complainant, Mr. PETER FINLEY, who resides at No. 363 West Twenty-fifth-street, alleges that he found the accused attempting to effect an entrance into his apartments on Thursday night, when he attempted, with the assistance of a friend, to arrest him, but did not succeed until after a long chase, during which the accused threw away a "jimmy." "RATS" was committed for trial without bail.

AN ALLEGED DISHONEST CHAMBERMAID.

MARY CURRAN was formerly a chambermaid at the Donadi House, in Sixth-avenue, but from some reason or another she was discharged from service on Wednesday evening. If the charge against her be true, she not only carried away her own property, but also took $165 worth of clothing belonging to boarders in the house. MARY was arrested and taken before the magistrate, who committed her for examination.

REMNANTS.

A colored man named JOHN A. RICE was arrested by Officer BARTLETT, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, on the charge of stealing several remnants of cloth, valued at $110, from Mr. ANDREW W. HUME, of No. 847 Broadway. The property was all recovered through the officer's efforts. The prisoner was committed for trial in default of bail.

Obituary.

DON AUGUSTIN G. ITUABIDE, son of the first Emperor of Mexico, died at the Clarendon Hotel, in this City, on Tuesday last. He had been suffering for a long time from a painful malady, and had reached this City but a fortnight ago from Paris, where he had been under medical treatment. His mother and brother and sisters have continued to reside in Philadelphia since the execution of his father, and on the news reaching that city of his death, his brother, Don ANGEL, came to this City, took charge of the remains, and had them removed to Philadelphia, where they were interred. Don AUGUSTINE was somewhat deformed in person, but said to have been of most genial character, a wit, and in Mexico a universal favorite.

A Query.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will you please inform the public whether the Third-avenue Railroad Company are treating the traveling community with fairness in selling through tickets, and then taking them for short fares, and refusing to give the change of one cent? or whether this course is necessary, for the poor suffering stockholders of that corporation? C.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

PROPOSED SALE OF TAMMANY HALL.—Efforts are being made by the Tammany Society to dispose of the Hall at the corner of Frankfort and Nassau streets. The building was erected during the years 1811 and 1812, the corner stone being laid on the 13th of May, 1811. Its cost was $28,000, which sum was raised by subscriptions, the subscribers receiving certificates for the amounts paid in by them. As hundreds of these certificates were issued, many of which are now lost or destroyed, great difficulty will be experienced by the Society in making a clear title to the property, each holder of a certificate being considered as part owner of the land and building. Whether these difficulties will ever be overcome is somewhat doubtful, but at the meeting of the Society on Monday next, it is said that a scheme will be proposed by which the matter may be settled. The property is said to be worth $150,000, and one of our largest Express Companies, it is understood, is anxious to become the purchaser. If the Hall is sold it is probable that the Society will erect another up town.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT AT THE MASONIC FAIR.—The lower hall in the basement of the Masonic Fair Building was cleared last night for the purpose of giving a billiard tournament in behalf of the funds of the Fair. The play was upon one of GEARY & COLLINS' tables, now on sale, and the beauties of the game were exhibited by Messrs. PHELAN, LAKE, PIERRE CARME, CAHILL, MCDEVITT and other billiard experts. The room was comfortably filled by an interested assemblage of spectators, who frequently manifested their pleasure when an extraordinarily good shot was made. The tournament was in every sense a success, and added considerably to the gross receipts of the evening. The entire suite of rooms occupied by the fair were crowded to excess all the evening, notwithstanding the intense cold which prevailed.

THE CLERKS' AID SOCIETY.—This Society, now eight years old, is rapidly developing its usefulness. It numbers one hundred and fifty members, chiefly Germans. Six weeks ago an evening school was opened at the meeting rooms of the Society, No. 4 St. Mark's-place, where clerks are taught, free of charge, English and book-keeping. After the 1st of next month a German class for American clerks will be opened, and instruction given in that language, also free of charge. Mr. FRIEDLANDER, one of the leading members of the Society, will take charge of this department. This society is deservedly attracting considerable attention. Its praiseworthy efforts deserve public appreciation.

AN APPEAL.—The American Tract Society has made an appeal to its friends for a special subscription of $100,000, to provide an adequate stock of books, to be issued and reproduced perpetually. One-fourth of this sum is now needed to provide a Spanish Christian literature for the 20,000,000 of Mexico and South America, and all of it is essential to the most successful prosecution of the Society's work. The appeal has been kindly received and nearly $40,000 have been subscribed on condition that $50,000 is raised by Jan. 1, 1867; 13 individuals have subscribed $500 each; 12, $1,000 each; 1, $2,000; 1, $3,000, and 1, $5,000.

OBSEQUIES OF THE PHELAN FAMILY.—Five of the victims of the recent disastrous fire in Division-street—the PHELAN family—were buried on Thursday afternoon. The deceased were followed to the Cemetery by two hundred carriages. The *cortège* on the way to the burial ground rested at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, where a solemn requiem mass was said, at which five clergymen officiated. The interior of the church was draped in black, and the building was densely crowded. The funeral was also attended by two companies of the old Volunteer Fire Department.

PUBLIC MEETING.—There will be a public meeting at the Madison-avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-fourth-street, next Sabbath evening, at 7:30 o'clock, with reference to collegiate education in Oregon. The Pastor, Rev. Dr. ADAMS, Rev. Dr. HITCHCOCK, Hon. WM. M. EVARTS, Hon. GEO. H. WILLIAMS, United States Senator from Oregon; Rev. Dr. HOPKINS, President of Williams College, and Dr. MARSH, of Oregon, will address the meeting.

UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.—About midnight of Thursday WM. W. BADGER, of No. 55 East Twenty-eighth-street, was knocked down by an unknown man in Fifth-avenue, near Nineteenth-street, who came up behind him and struck him on the head and then escaped. When the Police took Mr. BADGER insensible from the pavement they found an iron wrench near by, which was no doubt the weapon used. No reason is known for the assault.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE NEWSBOYS' LODGING-HOUSE.—A concert will be given on Monday evening in the Middle Dutch Church in Lafayette-place, the proceeds to be given to the Newsboys' Lodging-House in Fulton-street. The programme comprises an organ voluntary by KING, and vocal music by the Hutchinsons and other artistes. The boys themselves will also contribute to the amusements of the evening.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—At a late hour on Thursday night ANN CONOLLY, 23 years of age, and residing at No. 59 Bayard-street, attempted suicide by swallowing a large dose of sugar of lead. Dr. ANDERSON was summoned, who applied the usual remedies and saved her life.

A NEW RELIGIOUS JOURNAL.—A paper to advocate the unity of the Protestant Church is to be published soon, the first number of which will appear on Christmas week. Writers of every denomination and from all parts of the country are engaged to contribute to its columns.

RAVENSWOOD MATINEE.—The first Ravenswood *matinée* will be given this afternoon at the Olympic Theatre. The piece is sufficiently attractive to insure a crowded house.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

THE RECENT WHISKY ROBBERY—ARREST OF THE GUILTY PARTIES AND RECOVERY OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY.—On the night of the 11th inst. a building owned by Mr. WILLIAM REED, situated in the rear of No. 96 Jay-street, was feloniously entered by breaking the padlock of the door, and nineteen barrels of whisky, in all valued at $1,500, stolen therefrom. The liquor had been seized by United States Government Inspectors, and stored on the premises for safe keeping. A man named JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, who resides on an upper floor in the front building, it is alleged, conceived the idea of taking possession of the whisky, and appropriating the proceeds to his own use. Not being able to accomplish the job alone, he procured the aid of EDWARD BRADY and JAMES ROGERS. The trio busied themselves about the premises during the early part of the night of the 11th in rolling barrels, &c., and the watchman residing in the rear houses believing something wrong, informed the Forty-second Precinct Police. Several officers visited the premises, and found BRADY there. On making inquiries as to his business there, the officers were informed that he was on a visit to MCLAUGHLIN. Two carts were found at the fence, but on the presence being claimed them, they were taken to the Station-house. They were subsequently sent back to MCLAUGHLIN's house. Next morning it was ascertained that the robbery had been committed, and Sergt. CRAFTS and Officer MCCARTY were detailed to work up the job. On revisiting the premises they found one of the accused wearing one of the coats that had been taken from his night previous, admitted the fact, and that it belonged to him. On further investigation the officers became convinced that the robbery had been effected between 1 and 4 A. M.; that the liquor had been carted to Prospect-street during the night. That at daylight it was carted to Front-street, New-York, and at 4 P. M. the same day, transferred to a rectifying establishment, No. 218 Pearl-street, New-York, by the officers before mentioned. They entered the premises, where they found nine empty barrels—the same that had been stolen from Brooklyn. Further investigation proved that the barrels had been emptied of their contents, and that the liquor was in tanks in the basement ready for rectifying. The proprietors of the premises being informed of the state of affairs caused the accused to be pulled, and they were taken to the Forty-second Precinct Station-house. The value of the property recovered is $900. The accused, MCLAUGHLIN, BRADY and ROGERS, were brought before Justice CORNWELL yesterday afternoon, and committed on the complaint of United States Deputy Collector HUGH MCLAUGHLIN to jail until Monday next, at 1 o'clock P. M., for examination. A number of carmen and others have been arrested as witnesses. All were admitted to bail for their appearance, when wanted.

SUMMARY.—Mr. JOEL B. ERHARDT, Assistant United States District-Attorney, has resigned his position, and Mr. JOHN J. ALLEN, who has been connected with the office for some time past, appointed to fill the vacancy. JAMES WILDER, a cartman employed in Prospect Park, was seriously injured yesterday by being thrown from his vehicle. The Metropolitan Police boat ran into the dock of the Harrison-street ferry-boat on Thursday night, and was greatly damaged. She was towed to the Dry Dock for repairs. A colored man named JOHN THOMPSON, aged 40 years, while engaged in taking the vane from the steeple of the Dutch Reformed Church in the village of New-Utrecht on Thursday, lost his balance and fell a distance of thirty feet upon the frozen ground. He was instantly killed. MARY JANE MCCREA, aged 2½ years, burned on Thursday evening by her clothes taking fire from the stove. She expired during the night. BRIDGET BRENNAN, residing in Columbia-street, near Sedgwick-street, was found dead in her apartment yesterday morning. She had been a woman of intemperate habits. The direct cause of death was congestion of the brain. PATRICK GALLAGHER fell from a coal cart at the corner of Pacific and Pearsall streets, yesterday, and the wheels passing over his body, he sustained, it is feared, injuries of a fatal character. A piece of Kentucky jean and remnant of delaine was stolen from the store of JOHN ROSS, No. 673 Myrtle-avenue, on

ostine & Butler between five and six years; I have never broken into one of their safes; I never tried, and therefore don't know whether I could or not.

Q.—Do you think you could?

Judge Edmond—We will admit, if it will help the gentleman any, that "man can't make anything that man can't destroy."

Witness—The reason I opened the safe spoken of was—it was locked up, and they had lost the combination; it was an Isham lock; the price of those locks has ranged from from $125 to $300; in my opinion the Wymer lock is better; the more safeguards are put in the more secure they are; the spindle referred to belongs to the Isham lock; I opened the Hall lock about twelve years ago; I never heard of one of Hall's locks being picked by the ordinary picking process; by picking process I mean opening without force; the skill of burglars in opening locks and safes has been largely increased within a few years.

Q.—Do safe and safe makers are trying to keep ahead of the burglars are they not? A.—Yes, they always try to do so.

(A look was here shown to the witness, and he was asked if he knew whose lock it was.)

Witness—Yes, it is an Isham lock; I never heard of one of them being picked by the ordinary process; they might be forced, of course.

Ezekiel M. Hendrickson—I am a safe manufacturer, and live in Brooklyn; I have been in the safe business ten years; have been making locks and safes on my own account; I know something of the kind of locks used on the Herring Safes; I opened one of Herring's safes; it was a burglar-proof safe; I also opened another of Herring's burglar-proofs in Whitehall-street; it took me about twenty minutes; I also opened a fire-proof safe owned by Mr. Potter in hall-street; one of Herring's men came to open it, but he said he would require a day and a half to do it; I opened another lock, which was Hall's patent, and the safe had Herring's name on it.

Q. Now tell the Court and Jury whether you consider the lock in Court a burglar-proof lock? A. No, I never did regard this as burglar-proof, but I do consider it fire-proof.

Cross-examination—I am the patentee of burglar and fire-proof safes; my place of business is in Oxford-street, Brooklyn; the locks I use are of my own manufacture[;] I have four different grades; the prices range from $50 to $250; I consider my lock better than Isham's, or any other locks made; I have opened Wilder's, Lillies' and other safes; in one sense none of them are burglar-proof; you can't get a first-rate burglar-proof safe or lock for a low price; Herring's man said he wanted a day and a half to cut the safe open; I think the Wymer lock is more secure than the Hall lock; it is more expensive; I have sold about three hundred burglar-proof safes; my lock is a combination lock.

Wm. H. Butler—I am a safemaker of the firm of Valentine & Butler, of this City; I try to keep up with all the inventions in locks and safes, and also as to the inventions of burglars; I know Hall's lock; we do not use it; it is not strong enough against violence; the weakest point of a safe is in the locks; I think the greatest precautions should be taken against force or violence; that is more plenty than skill or mechanical ingenuity in examining a lock; I always look into the chances of picking it; I always start with the idea that the burglar is just as good a mechanic as the lock inventor; this lock is well protected against powder, and as well protected against picking as any; when force is used, that is the weak point in it; the material used in this, I should not consider safe to be used in a burglar-proof safe.

Cross-examined—I have been a competitor of Herring for some time; I never warrant the safes I sell to be proof against all burglars; the lowest price for which I would sell a burglar-proof chest of this size would be about $125; as we increase the strength of the safe we increase the strength of the lock; I should think the Wymer lock would have been safer, because it is a combination lock; we use locks on our safes all along from $50 to $250; it is sometimes very difficult to distinguish the line between a burglar-proof and a fire-proof. The conical-shaped spindles are at present put into all the high-priced locks, or at least something very similar. In 1862 I did not consider Hall's lock the best protection aga nst burglars. It was always good on a fire-proof, and one of the best protections against powder.

At this stage the Court adjourned until Monday next at 10 o'clock.

An Important Opinion of the Supreme Court in the Lord Bond Robbery Case—The Motion to Release the Prisoner Babcock on Bail Denied.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 14.

Before Justice Ingraham.

In re Wm. R. Babcock to be released on bail.—On Monday last a motion was made by the counsel for Babcock to have him let out of prison on the execution of a proper bail bond with sufficient sureties.

The argument in the case was reported in our columns at considerable length on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Yesterday the following opinion was rendered by Mr. Justice INGRAHAM, in which he has given his reasons for denying the application and remanding the prisoner:

OPINION.

The prisoner was arrested on a charge of being concerned in the robbery of the bonds from Rufus L. Lord. On the 20th of November, 1866, an indictment was found against him in the Sessions for receiving the bonds, knowing them to have been stolen. On the 21st of November, by order of the Court, the papers were sent to the Police Justice for further examination. Afterward the Justice refused to take bail, and on 1st December the writ in this case was issued returnable forthwith. This was not a writ of *habeas corpus*, but was a writ commanding the Police Justice and Clerk of the Sessions to certify the cause of the detention of the prisoner for the purpose of considering the question of bail. After this writ was followed, a commitment of the prisoner, by order of the Court of Sessions, was granted. This application is now made to have the prisoner bailed. Several questions of importance as to the right of the prisoner to be discharged on bail have been ably argued before me, but the views which I entertain in regard to this application, are such as to render the decision of these questions unnecessary in the present case. First, the indictment having been found against the prisoner before his arrest, it was unnecessary to have any examination before a magistrate, and it became the duty of the Court, on receiving the indictment, to order a warrant to issue for the arrest of the party therein charged with felony. The order of the Sessions, sending the case to Justice Dowling to be investigated, was an unnecessary and irregular order, and did not alter the liabilities of the party, or relieve him from the consequences which followed the finding of the indictment against him. The supposition, therefore, that this is simply a proceeding to review Justice Dowling's decision not to admit the prisoner to bail, upon the ground that the prisoner, in offences of this character, was a right to be bailed, is a mistake. The Justice, when this case was sent back to him for further examination, did not acquire any right to let the prisoner to bail. That power ceased whenever a bill of indictment was found, and that indictment remained in full force again. the prisoner, notwithstanding the order of the General Sessions. In fact, the order of that Court, sending the case back to the Police Justice, was an unusual proceeding, not provided for by the statute and not required by any rule or provision of criminal law within my knowledge. I am reserred to the opinion of Mr. Edmonds in the case of Dewey on these questions, but there the case was in the Oyer and Terminer; the Deweys had been arrested and brought before a magistrate, and had been deprived of the benefit of the examination provided by the statute, by being indicted before such examination was completed. But in that case the learned Justice says: "It is true that a person may be indicted in the first instance without any preliminary arrest, and thus by the action of the Grand Jury be deprived of the preliminary examination." The opinion in that case does no. apply here, and I do not feel at liberty to give any force to the orders of the General Sessions sending the case to Justice Dowling for examination, because the same was not warranted or require. by the statute. The prisoner having been indicted in the Court of Sessions, that Court had during its session the right to let the prisoner to bail. This is provided by the Revised Statutes, third vol., 5th edition, p. 1,020, section 59. That section directs that in cases where by law persons indicted may be let to bail for their appearance, they may be so let to bail by the Court having jurisdiction to try the offence, or if such Court be not sitting, by any Justice of the Supreme Court; and if the offence may be tried in a Court of General Sessions, by a County Judge; and sec ion 60 prohibits any other officer from letting to bail any person indicted for any offence. It is apparent from these provisions that when the case was sent to Justice Dowling he had no authority to let the prisoner to bail, and it is equally clear that during the session of the Court having jurisdiction to try the offence, such Court alone has authority under the statute to let to bail, and that a Justice of the Supreme Court is only authorized to do so when the Court has closed its session. It has also been suggested on this application that as the Court of Sessions has committed the prisoner the right to bail has been adjudicated. This was the decision of the General Term in the People *vs.* Cunningham, 3 Parker, Cr. Rep., p. 520. Such would undoubtedly be the proper rule if the decision of the Court had been made before the allowance of the writ, and such facts appeared in the return. It may well be doubted whether a proceeding on *habeas corpus* or *certiorari* can be defeated by such a commitment made after the allowance and issue of the writ. It is not, however, necessary for me to discuss this branch of the case, as for the reasons before stated i think the prisoner at this time can only be bailed by the Court, and that a Magistrate out of Court has no authority until after the session of the Court has terminated, and even then it might be considered *res adjudicata* if the Court during its session should pass upon such an application.

The prisoner must be remanded to custody.

Guaranty by a Firm—Liability of Both Partners.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

Before Judge Barnard.

Robert E. Hutchinson vs. *William L. Allen et al.*—This was an action founded on a guaranty of a charter party. The plaintiff, who was the owner of the bark *Ella Adelle*, chartered her through his agent in this City, Mr. Eneas, to one C. N. Howard, in January, 1865, for a voyage from Matamoras to New-York, for which Howard agreed to put on board a full cargo of cotton and to pay freight at the rate of three cents a pound. This charter was guaranteed by Wm. L. Allen & Co., the defendants. The vessel went the voyage, but Howard furnished no cargo, and the vessel came back in ballast.

The defendants put in separate answers, Allen alleging that he knew nothing of the guaranty, which was not within the power of the other partner to give, and Putnam, the other partner, admitting that he signed a paper of whose contents he knew nothing, but also alleging that the guarantee was not in the partnership business.

The plaintiff's agent proved that he had declined to charter the vessel to Howard without security, whereupon Howard offered to give Wm. L. Allen & Co. as his security, Mr. Allen being his uncle, and that the security was accepted, and the charter party was sent to him so guaranteed. The clerk of the broker testified that after the charter party and guaranty were drawn, he took the papers to Mr. Allen's office to be signed; that there were two gentlemen there; that he asked for Mr. Allen, and one of them came forward to whom he gave the paper, telling him what it was, and that the gentleman took it to his desk and was reading it when he went out, and that the papers afterward came back signed, and he identified Mr. Allen as one of the gentlemen whom he thought were there.

The charterer was called as a witness and testified that he himself took the charter and guaranty down to be signed; that he saw Mr. Putnam, the other partner, and laid the guaranty down before him to sign, and he signed it without saying anything, and that no other conversation passed between them, and he never told Mr. Allen anything about it. It appeared, however, that he had instructed his supercargo to consign the cargo to the defendants, and that one lot of cotton in which he was interested previously had been also consigned to them.

The defendant Allen took the stand and testified that he never heard of the guaranty till after the commencement of the suit, and was ill during almost all the month of January, 1865, so as to be rarely at his office; that their business was a produce business, and that Putnam had left the firm because of his signing this guaranty without authority, and that he left a few weeks after the vessel came back, which was in April.

The partnership agreement was not produced, the other partner, Putnam, was not called as a witness, and it was shown that the suit was not commenced till the following December.

There was also a conflict of testimony as to how much cotton the vessel could carry, and what would be the amount of the charter money—the plaintiffs claiming that it was about $11,000, and the defendants that it was not over $6,000.

The Judge left to the Jury this question, and also the question whether the guaranty was signed with the k owledge or approval of the defendant, Allen.

The Jury found a verdict against both the defendants for the sum of $9,704 84.

For plaintiff, Messrs. Benedict, Tracy & Benedict; for defendants, Mr. Fuller.

Fines Imposed on Absent Jurors.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—DEC. 14.

Before Judge Monell.

The Court this morning imposed a fine of $25 per day on 45 jurors summoned for the 3d of this month, for each and every day of their absence. The Clerk has called the panel of jurors each day, and marked the names of those absent. The non-attendance of jurors is getting to be a serious evil, and the Court is determined to put a stop to it. The highest amount imposed upon any one of the above jurors was $225, and the aggregate amount of fines was between $11,000 and $12,000.

The Alleged Embezzlement Case.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—DEC. 14.

Before Judge McCunn.

Patrick Cuff vs. *Michael O'Reilly.*—In this action, (reported yesterday,) to recover $400 alleged to have been embezzled by the defendant, who was barkeeper for the plaintiff, the Jury to-day returned a verdict for the defendant.

McKeon and Smythe for plaintiff; C. S. Spencer and O. L. Stewart for defendant.

Action to Set Aside an Assignment.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—DEC. 14.

Before Justice Cardozo.

Feliz V. B. Kennedy, Receiver, vs. *Gould H. Thorp and Waterman C. Bradley.*—This was an action to set aside an assignment made by Bradley, one of the defendants, to Thorp, the other defendant, on the ground of fraud. Bradley, it appeared, made an assignment of his property, naming his father and brothers as preferred creditors, and this action is brought in behalf of the Glen Cove Starch Company, who at the time of the assignment held a judgment against Bradley for $588 89. They claim that the assignment was fraudulently made for the benefit of fictitious creditors and ask that it be set aside on this ground, and also on the ground that it was null and void by reason of a failure to comply with the law in the matter of affixing Government stamps to the instrument.

The defendants deny all fraudulent intent in the assignment, and claim that plaintiff's judgment not having been docketed in the County Clerk's office was not a lien on the property of defendant.

The case was argued before Judge CARDOZO without a Jury, and the Court took the papers and reserved a decision.

W. H. Dickinson for plaintiff; D. M. Porter for defendants.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Judge Barnard.

A FEMALE SHOPLIFTER CONVICTED.

Alice Jones, a fascinating young lady of eighteen Summers, the purity of whose mode of living has been questioned for some time by the Police, and the corruptness of her associations being such as to lower her in the esteem of honest people, engaged the attention of the Court yesterday. She was indicted for grand larceny, and the charge, which was simply and speedily sustained by the testimony of several witnesses, was to the effect that on the 21st of November last, she in company with another lady of the shoplifting persuasion, went into the store of A. T. Stewart & Co., corner of Broadway and Tenth-street, and professed to be remarkably anxious to purchase some little articles, if they could find out exactly what they wanted. As usual with such persons, they were observed to be very "fidgety" and nervous, and twenty-seven yards of lace, of the value of $67, were, in the most mystic manner, manipulated from the immediate gaze of the attending clerk into a capacious double apron of the shoplifting style, whereupon Alice and Sarah Bell, her traveling companion, were promptly arrested. Alice, on account of her youth, was only sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years. Sarah Bell will be brought up for trial on Tuesday.

A Petit Jury in Trouble on Account of Alleged Corruption.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

SENTENCE DAY.

Friday being the usual day for sentencing convicted prisoners, who have been remanded during the week, the Recorder announced the following sentences yesterday:

John Brady, for grand larceny; sentenced to the State Prison for five years.

John Scott, for burglary in the third degree; sentenced to the State Prison for four years.

John Noonan, for an attempt at grand larceny; sentenced to the State Prison for two years and six months.

John Wilson, for assault with a dangerous weapon; sentenced to the Penitentiary for three months.

Herman Wagner, for an attempt at grand larceny; City Prison for ten days.

Thomas Lynch, for attempt at burglary in the third degree; sentenced suspended and prisoner discharged.

A RIVER THIEF.

David Thompson plead guilty of grand larceny. On the 14th of November Mr. Patrick Rogers, pursuer of the ship mailship *Louisiana*, saw the prisoner and two others come along side of the ship in a boat, and he subsequently saw them lowering from the deck of the steamship two bags containing a number of pieces of linen of the value of $100, to the boat. The steamship was, at that time, lying at Pier No. 43, North River. David's piratical career was cut short by his being sentenced to the State Prison for three years.

THE TWENTIETH WARD ROBBERY CASE—EXTRAORDINARY SCENE IN COURT.

The trial of Michael J. Wheelan, Peter Hart, Michael McCoy and Michael Dougherty, charged with robbery in the first degree, on the compiaint of Mrs. Catharine Rittner, was resumed. After the examination of several witnesses for the defence, the Jury was charged by the Recorder, and retired for deliberation upon the case. After having been out for some time, they returned into Court to ask the Recorder for further instructions in the case in regard to some points upon which several of the jurors did not feel very clear. During the interval of their absence there appeared to be considerable uneasiness in the demeanor of the Recorder and the Assistant District-Attorney, Mr. Bedford—an uneasiness which, while it could not be accounted for, appeared so unusual as to be a subject of remark among the spectators in the court-room. In the course of the interval during which the Jury were absent, the officers named and the Clerk, Mr. Sparks, retired to the private office of the District-Attorney for consultation, and remained out until the Jury announced their readiness to come into Court to ask for further instructions as already stated. The cause of the movements on the part of the Recorder and other officers of the Court was soon revealed by the Recorder, who addressed the Jury as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY: I am exceedingly pained to state to you a circumstance which will render any further deliberation unnecessary in this case. It has been officially brought to the information of the Court that Mr. Wm. H. Bolton, the tenth juror, was at the office of Charles S. Spencer, a member of the Bar of this City and an officer of this Court, and made a proposition to him this morning, that for the sum of $250 he would prevent an agreement on the part of this J ry. This is a very serious charge, so that I cannot permit this case to go any further. With the assent of Mr. Hardy, the prisoner's counsel, and with the assent of the District-Attorney, I shall withdraw a juror and this trial will terminate at this time. A complaint will be made against you, Mr. Bolton, be.ore the Grand Jury, and you will have an opportunity of answering this charge.

Mr. Bolton rose in his seat and said: "There is nothing in this case. I called to see Mr. Spencer on official business, and on nothing in regard to this case. I did not know he was connected with it. I am innocent."

Recorder—I do not pretend to say that you are guilty of the charge. I merely state this that justice may go on smoothly and promptly. This has been brought to me officially.

Mr. Bolton—I will withdraw, and let the eleven jurors go on with the case, if that will answer the purpose.

Mr. Bedford—That won't do, Sir.

The Clerk—Mr. Bolton, you are discharged from the Jury.

The Recorder—You will appear here on Monday morning, Mr. Bolton.

A BONDSMAN SAVED.

Daniel B. Chamberlain, indicted for larceny of money by trick and device, whose case was called on Dec. 3, when he failed to appear, thereby causing his bail to be forfeited, was arrested by an officer of the Court of General Sessions yesterday, and lodged in the Tombs to await trial.

Mr. Gunning S. Bedford, Jr., Assistant District-Attorney, appeared for the people

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 14, 1866.

$6,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'62	107⅜	
2,000	do....2d call	107⅜	
64,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'64	108	
64,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65	108	
	New issue	108⅛	
50,000	do	108⅜	
1,500	U.S.6s,10-40s,C.	99⅝	
22,000	do	99⅝	
	300 Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s.		
	First Ser.....S'll	104⅜	
2,500	do	105	
4,000	do....2d Ser.	105	
5,000	do....3d Ser.	105	
10,000	Tenn. 6s.....x-c	69	
1,000	Virginia 6s...x-c	45⅜	
2,000	Cal. 7s	118	
1,000	Missouri 6s	90⅜	
2,000	do	91	
5,000	Erie 1st M.	100⅜	
7,000	Erie 4th M.	94	
5,000	Erie 3d M.	99⅛	
3,000	do	99	
1,000	Mich. So.S.F.Bs.	96	
1,500	Mich. So. 6s, Old Bs.	109	
	500 Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	76	
5,000	C. & N.W. Con.		
	Conv. Bds	72	
18	Manhattan Bank	127	
18	Bank of America	127	
15	Bank of N. Amer.	112	
42	Gallatin Nat. Bank	107	
100	Fourth N. Bk.	110⅜	
500	Cum. Coal. Pr.	66	
200	do	66⅜	
900	do	66⅝	
100	Butler Coal	18⅛	
100	do	19	
200	do	19⅛	
300	Wilkes. Coal	43½	
200	West. U. Tel.	48⅜	
100	do	48⅝	
100	do	48⅝	
5	do	48⅝	
100	Adams Ex. Co.	64	
10	do	63⅜	
100	do	63⅝	
13	do....2d call	63	
100	do	62	
49	do	62⅜	
5	Amer. Ex. Co	79	
100	Mariposa Min	12½	
100	Mariposa Pref	31⅜	
100	At. M. S. S. Co.	107⅜	
100	do	107	
200	Union Nav. Co.	104	
10	Ohio & Alt.	110	
100	P., Ft.W. & C.	105¼	

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

2,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'62	107⅜	
	500 Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s		
	Sec. Ser.	104⅞	
3,000	Mo. St. 6s	97⅝	
10,000	do	99	
200	West. U. Tel.	49⅜	
200	Mar. Min. Pr.	30	
100	do	31⅝	
100	do	31⅝	
2.0	N. Y. Cen.	111⅞	
100	do	111⅞	
100	Wilkesbarre Coal	63	
15	Adams Ex. Co.	64	
210	Erie R.	72⅜	
200	do	72⅝	
100	Erie R. Pr.	88	
2.0	Mil. & St. P. Pr.	90⅝	
100	N. Y. Central	112⅜	
200	do	112	
64,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'64	108	
64,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65	108	
	New issue	108⅛	
50,000	do	108⅜	
600	do	108⅜	
100	do	108⅜	
1,000	Tenn. 6s.....x-c	69	
1,000	Virginia 6s...x-c	45⅜	
2,000	Cal. 7s	118	
1,000	Missouri 6s	90⅜	
2,000	do	91	
5,000	Erie 1st M.	100⅜	
7,000	Erie 4th M.	94	
5,000	Erie 3d M.	99⅛	
3,000	do	99	
1,000	Mich. So.S.F.Bs.	96	
1,500	Mich. So. 6s, Old Bs.	109	
	500 Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	76	
5,000	C. & N.W. Con.		
	Conv. Bds	72	
18	Manhattan Bank	127	
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500	Cum. Coal. Pr.	66	
200	do	66⅜	
900	do	66⅝	
100	Butler Coal	18⅛	
100	do	19	
200	do	19⅛	
300	Wilkes. Coal	43½	
200	West. U. Tel.	48⅜	
100	do	48⅝	
100	do	48⅝	
5	do	48⅝	
100	Adams Ex. Co.	64	
10	do	63⅜	
100	do	63⅝	
13	do....2d call	63	
100	do	62	
49	do	62⅜	
5	Amer. Ex. Co	79	
100	Mariposa Min	12½	
100	Mariposa Pref	31⅜	
100	At. M. S. S. Co.	107⅜	
100	do	107	
200	Union Nav. Co.	104	
10	Ohio & Alt.	110	
100	P., Ft.W. & C.	105¼	
100	N. Y. Central	112⅜	
200	do	112	
100	Hudson R.R.	122½	
10	Reading R.	110½	
140	do	110⅜	
800	do	110⅝	
800	do	110⅝	
26	N. Y. & N. H. R.	120	
68	Mich. Cen. R.	111⅜	
100	do	112	
140	M. S. & N. I.	81⅝	
100	do	81½	
130	do	82	
100	do	82	
100	do	82	
200	Cleve. & Pitts.	91⅜	
400	do	91⅜	
10	Cle. Col. & Cin. R.	110	
400	Chi. & N. W.	55½	
100	do	55⅝	
100	do	55⅝	
1000	do	55⅝	
150	Chi. & N.W.P.	78⅜	
800	do	78⅝	
100	do	78⅝	
300	do	78⅝	
200	Clev. & Tol.	114	
100	Chic. & R. I.	104⅜	
300	Chi. R. I. & P.	104⅝	
400	do	104⅝	
600	Chi. & N.W.	54⅞	
300	do	54⅞	
1600	do	55	
600	do	55⅛	
600	do	55⅛	
300	do	55⅛	
300	Chi. & N. W. P.	78⅛	
800	do	78⅛	
1100	do	78⅛	
1200	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	77⅞	
800	do	77⅞	
600	do	77⅞	
3800	do	78	
1400	do	77⅞	
400	do	77⅞	
100	do	77⅞	
1900	do	77⅞	
1100	do	77⅞	
1200	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	77⅞	
800	do	77⅞	
600	do	77⅞	
100	do	77⅞	
300	Chi. & N. W. P.	78⅛	
100	do	78⅛	
300	Chi. & R. I.	104⅜	
100	do	104⅜	
100	Tol., Wab. & W.	45¼	
100	do	45¼	
25	Reading R.	110½	
200	do	110⅝	
100	M. S. & N. I. R.	81⅝	
700	do	81⅝	
600	do	81⅝	
400	Clev. & Pitts.	90⅜	
100	do	90⅜	
100	do	90⅜	
100	Ill. Central R.	117⅜	
100	do	117⅝	
100	do	117⅝	
100	do	117⅝	
100	Hudson R.R.	122½	
10	Reading R.	110½	
140	do	110⅜	
800	do	110⅝	
800	do	110⅝	
26	N. Y. & N. H. R.	120	
68	Mich. Cen. R.	111⅜	
100	do	112	
140	M. S. & N. I.	81⅝	
100	do	81½	
130	do	82	
100	do	82	
100	do	82	
200	Cleve. & Pitts.	91⅜	
400	do	91⅜	
10	Cle. Col. & Cin. R.	110	
400	Chi. & N. W.	55½	
100	do	55⅝	
100	do	55⅝	
1000	do	55⅝	
150	Chi. & N.W.P.	78⅜	
800	do	78⅝	
100	do	78⅝	
300	do	78⅝	
200	Clev. & Tol.	114	
100	Chic. & R. I.	104⅜	
300	Chi. R. I. & P.	104⅝	
400	do	104⅝	
600	Chi. & N.W.	54⅞	
300	do	54⅞	
1600	do	55	
600	do	55⅛	
600	do	55⅛	
300	do	55⅛	
300	Chi. & N. W. P.	78⅛	
800	do	78⅛	
1100	do	78⅛	
1200	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	77⅞	
800	do	77⅞	
600	do	77⅞	
100	do	77⅞	
300	Chi. & N. W. P.	78⅛	
100	do	78⅛	
300	Chi. & R. I.	104⅜	
100	do	104⅜	
100	Tol., Wab. & W.	45¼	
100	do	45¼	

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

1,000	U. S. 5s, '74....C.	103⅛	
18,500	Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s.		
	New issue	103⅞	
10,000	U.S.5s,10-40s,C.	99⅝	
2,0.0	Tr. Notes, 7.3-10s,		
	Sec. Ser.	103⅝	
5,000	do	105	
2,000	Mo. State 6s	91⅜	
10,000	do	91⅛	
4,000	do	90⅝	
40,000	O. & M. Cer.	28⅜	
20,000	do	28⅜	
100	Adams Ex. Co	64	
100	do	62	
700	do	62⅜	
	6 Canton Co	48	
100	Cum. Coal. Pr.	65⅜	
300	West. U. Tel.	49⅜	
5	do	50	
96	do	49⅜	
44	West. U. Tel., Res. Extension	97	
100	Quick. Min	46⅝	
100	do	45⅝	
50	At. Mail S. Co	105	
100	Boston W. P	28	
100	Wilkesbarre Coal	63	
200	P., F. W. & C.	105	
300	do	104⅞	
400	Mil. & St. P. Pr.	90	

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

200	Wilkes. Coal	63¾	
200	Mar. Min.	12⅜	
400	West. U. Tel.	48⅝	
100	do....b5	48⅜	
200	do....b5	48⅜	
200	do....b3	48⅜	
100	do	48⅜	
300	N. Y. Cen.	112⅜	
100	do	112⅜	
500	do	112⅜	
200	do	112⅜	
100	do	112⅜	
200	do....s10	112⅜	
200	do....s3	112⅜	
500	Erie Railroad	72⅜	
400	do....b3	72⅜	
1200	do....s3	72⅜	
200	Reading R.	110⅛	
1100	do	110	
800	do	110	
200	Tol., W. & W.	45¼	
400	do	45⅝	
3.0	M. S. & N. I.	81⅜	
300	do....s3	81⅜	
300	do....s10	81⅜	
400	do	81⅜	
800	do....s3	81⅜	

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer.	28⅜	
2 0	Cum. Coal	65⅜	
500	do	65⅜	
200	do	65⅜	
300	do	65⅜	
100	do....s10	65⅜	
200	do....b3	65⅜	
400	do....s3	65⅜	
300	do	65⅜	
400	do	65⅜	
200	do....s3	65⅜	
200	do	65⅜	
100	Butler Coal Co	19	
100	Mar. Min. Pref.	30½	
200	Union Nav. Co.	104	
200	West. U. Tel.	49⅜	
300	do	49⅜	
100	do	49⅜	
100	do....s30	49	
400	N. Y. Cen.	112⅜	
200	do....s3	112⅜	
200	do	112⅜	
200	do....b8	112⅜	
100	do	112⅜	
100	do	112⅜	
400	Erie R.	72⅜	
300	do	72⅜	
100	do....s3	72⅜	
200	do....s3	72⅜	
200	Reading R.	110⅛	
800	do	110	
300	do....s10	110	
200	do....b18	71	
150	do	71⅛	
400	Reading R.	109⅜	
600	do	109⅜	
200	do....s3	109⅜	
20	do....s5	109⅜	
600	M. S. & N. I.	81⅜	
300	do....s3	81⅜	
300	do....s10	81⅜	
400	do	81⅜	
800	do....s1	81⅜	

FRIDAY, Dec. 14—P. M.

The sales of Gold opened a fraction firmer this morning than the price of Thursday night, 137¼@138⅛, but subsequently fell back to 137¼@⅜, at which most of the business of the day was done. About 1:30 o'clock the rates of Exchange on London stiffened up to 109½@109⅝ for 60 days, and 110¼@110⅜ for short sight, and so continued to the close of the day. Telegrams from New-Orleans advised of a scarcity of English bills in that market. There was a good demand here for Saturday's steamer. On Paris the rates were not so full; 60 days f.5.16¼@f.5.15, and short sight f.5.13⅛@f.5.12½ to the dollar.

The supply of Money to the Brokers was quite easy to-day at 6@7 ₱ cent., most of the private lenders and some of the heavy Banks accepting the lower figure. Several of the large Stock firms on the Street carried over heavy cash balances which they were unable to employ. As on yesterday, there was an active demand to borrow Stocks for the use of the *Bear* interest, and as the opposite party are not aiming at present to make them scarce, nearly all the Railways are freely lent, and 5@6 ₱ cent. interest allowed on the Money advanced upon them. Of course the effect of this mutual operation is, in a measure, to diminish the demand for Money at Bank.

The Public Funds were not very active. There is a domestic demand for the new Consolidated 5-20s, January and July, but the 1862's are dull, the quotations from the other side being so nearly equalized with the price of Bonds here and the rates for Gold and Exchange, as to leave very little room for speculation either way.

By reference to the official lists of the regular and open Stock Exchange Boards, it will be seen that the business of the day has been extremely active in nearly all the railway and especially heavy in the amount of sales in both classes of Northwest—the Preference Stock taking the lead and rising at one time in the forenoon 4@4¼ ₱ cent. on the sales of yesterday. The highest price made was 79¼ ₱ cent. and a dividend. The dividend of 7 ₱ cent. in scrip is to be paid on or after Monday next and is equal to 5½@5⅝ ₱ cent. in cash. The common shares nearly touched 56 ₱ cent.; but on both classes there was a subsequent reaction of 2@2½ ₱ cent. and a pretty general reaction throughout the list was shown at the Afternoon Boards, New-York Central, Erie and Michigan Southern, like the Northwest Stocks being sold down quite freely. The contest for control of the market between *Bull* and *Bear* is growing quite interesting again, and more equally divided than since the November reaction against the *Bulls*. The miscellaneous shares are weaker on Cumberland, steady on the Steamship Lines and stronger on Western Telegraph.

At 5 o'clock P. M. the following quotations were made as compared with Thursday night. The market feverish on the Railways. We notice on the list of yesterday, and again among sales to-day, an unusual number of buyers' options on Northwest Preferred, which, with other signs on the Street touching this particular stock, would seem to indicate a combined movement to advance it nearer to its par value than it has reached for several years. The transactions in it to-day, including the sales and purchases in the Long Room of the Exchange, are not much short of 30,000 shares:

	Thurs.	Fri.
U. S. 10-40s	98¾	
U. S. 5-20s	107½	107⅜
U. S. 7.30s	106¼	106
N. Y. Central	111⅜	111¾
Erie	72½	71⅞
Hudson	122	121
Reading	109⅜	109¼
Mich. Southern	81⅜	80⅞
Illinois Central	118	117
Pittsburgh	91⅜	89
Tennessee 6s	69	69
Northwest	84⅞	82⅜
N. West Pref	76⅞	79½
Rock Island	104⅜	103½

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 1866.

Amusements this Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE,
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY. Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Fanny Morant, &c.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS AFTERNOON, commencing at 1 o'clock, Italian Opera, FRA DIAVOLO.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE APOSTATE. Edwin Booth in his grand role of Pescara.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS AFTERNOON, commencing at 2 o'clock, MATINEE.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE MASTER OF RAVENSWOOD. Leading characters by Mr. George Jordan and Miss Rose Eytynge.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS AFTERNOON, commencing at 1 o'clock, MATINEE.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

We have Cable dispatches to Dec. 14. They give us further details of the awful colliery explosions in England, at which more than 500 lives were lost.

The London *Times* thinks that the Fenian troubles are looking brighter.

The anticipations of trouble in Rome after the departure of the French troops have not been realized.

The relations between Prussia and Austria are becoming more friendly.

Civil war in Japan has been suspended by a truce.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday the Deficiency Bill, making appropriations for the fiscal year, was passed. The Chair laid before the Senate the written inquiry of the Secretary of the Senate, whether the Tennessee Senators should be paid from the date of their admission to the body, or from the commencement of the present Congress. Referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to authorize the establishment of a library in the City of Washington, for the use of Government employes. Mr. RAMSEY introduced a bill making Agricultural College scrip receivable for preemption fees. Mr. SPRAGUE introduced a joint resolution, instructing the Secretary of the Navy to direct the naval officers at Panama and Aspinwall to aid those engaged in the survey of the new route to the Pacific through the Isthmus of Darien, whenever practicable, without expense to the Government. The resolution was passed. The bill for the admission of Nebraska was then debated at some length, after which the Senate voted to adjourn over on the 20th inst. to Jan. 3.

In the House Mr. KASSON introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a line of telegraph, under the direction of the Post-office Department. Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, introduced a bill for construction of a Government telegraph from Washington to New-York City. Mr. SHELLABARGER presented a memorial from the loyal people of Louisiana, asking Congress to establish, under the care of the United States, a Government for that State. The document is signed by the Governor and several thousand electors of Louisiana. It was referred to the Select Committee on the New-Orleans riots. Mr. JULIAN introduced a bill providing for Civil Governments for the districts lately in revolt against the Government of the United States. The bill provides for temporary Territorial Governments for all the late rebel States except Tennessee, suffrage being given to all males, without respect to color, and all who have borne arms against the United States, or held civil or military office under the Confederacy, to be ineligible either to hold office or to vote. The Committee on Claims reported a joint resolution to pay to OBER NAUSEN & Co., merchants of New-York, $60,000 for compound interest notes lost at sea. After discussion the joint resolution was passed—76 to 67. The House proceeded to the business on the Speaker's table, and concurred in the Senate amendment to the Deficiency Bill. The Senate Bill passed on Thursday, granting universal suffrage in the District of Columbia, was taken up and passed by a vote of 118 to 46. The House went into Committee of the Whole on the President's Message, and was addressed by Mr. WENTWORTH, after which it adjourned till Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Griswold Opera House in Troy took fire on Thursday evening through a defective flue. A large audience was in attendance at a tableaux entertainment for the benefit of the Troy Orphan Asylum, and much alarm and confusion were occasioned by the fire. The excitement, however, was finally in a great measure subdued, and no one was injured. The fire was extinguished before it had done much damage.

The funeral of Don AUGUSTIN G. YTURBIDE, son of YTURBIDE I., Emperor of Mexico, took place yesterday at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia. The remains were brought there by his brother, ANGEL YTURBIDE, and were interred in the same vault with the mother and brother of the deceased.

The Philadelphia 11 o'clock train for New-York, when a little north of that city yesterday, ran over a carriage containing a man named THOMAS WATT, his wife and child. The child was killed, and the wife had her arm and leg broken. Mr. WATT was slightly injured.

A petition fifty-two feet long, containing the names of nearly all the prominent citizens of New-Mexico, has been forwarded to Washington, praying for an increase of the military force in that Territory, as being absolutely necessary to protect the lives and property of the people against the Indians.

The Montreal *Herald* states that ST. MARIE, the discoverer of SURRATT, is a native of Laprairie, and was formerly employed as clerk in the Post-office, then in the Equitable Insurance Company's office, and lastly in the Bank du Peuple.

A heavy snow storm prevailed yesterday in the northwestern part of the State. The train from Rome, due in the morning at Oswego, was five hours behind time on account of the snow. At Pulaski and vicinity the snow is over two feet deep.

It is stated that Sir J. MICHEL, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian forces, has prepared a report, which shows the impracticability of fortifying Montreal except at very heavy cost.

The Montreal *Minerve* states that SURRATT was discharged from the banque du Peple for eccentricities. He afterward absconded from the Bureau of Public Education with several hundred pounds.

ALBERT H. INMAN, a recent graduate of Yale College, and Miss EDDY, a young lady, were drowned at Pascoag, near Providence, R. I., on Thursday evening, while skating.

Major LATHROP has been appointed United States Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in Texas, *vice* Major DOUBLEDAY, resigned.

LOCAL NEWS.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday the trial of four prisoners, charged with robbery in the first degree, was brought to an abrupt conclusion by the Recorder charging one of the Petit Jurors engaged in trying the case with applying to parties interested in the prisoners for $250, as a consideration for his causing the Jury to disagree. The name of the Juror was WM. H. BOLTON, of No. 71 Catharine-market. DAVID THOMPSON, for grand larceny, was sentenced to the State Prison for three years; JOHN BRADY, for grand larceny, State Prison for five years; JOHN SCOTT, for burglary, State Prison for four years; JOHN NOONAN, for grand larceny, State Prison for two years and six months; JOHN WILSON, for assault with a dangerous weapon, Penitentiary for three months, and HERMAN WAGNER, for attempt at grand larceny, City Prison for ten days.

Two more whisky distilleries were seized by the revenue officers, in consequence of their owners having failed to comply with the provisions of the Revenue Law. This makes between twenty and thirty distilleries seized in this vicinity during the present week. The Committee appointed by Congress to investigate the revenue frauds in this City, arrived yesterday, and will commence its labors at the Astor House on Monday morning. The examination into the alleged frauds in Brooklyn was resumed yesterday before Commissioners NEWTON and JONES. The cases of WM. DAVIS, Chief Engineer CUNNINGHAM, of the Fire Department, and CHARLES K. CHAPMAN, were taken up, and a racy scene occurred in Court owing to the obstinacy of a witness.

Three men, named MCLAUGHLIN, BRADY and ROGERS, were yesterday arrested on charge of stealing fourteen barrels of whisky from No. 96 Jay-street, Brooklyn, during the night of the 11th inst. A portion of the property has been recovered on Front-street, this City, to which place it was carted during the night. There is some mystery about the affair, which will probably be cleared up at the investigation on Monday next. The accused were looked up on the charge preferred against them by Deputy Collector HUGH MCLAUGHLIN, the property having been taken from a bonded store.

Mr. ARTHUR GILMAN, formerly of Boston, delivered a lecture last evening before a select audience at the Travelers' Club, in Fifth-avenue, on "Characteristics of New-England Humor." Mr. GILMAN illustrated his theory of humor by some well-told examples of New-England wit. The audience were evidently much pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The trial of SANBORN *vs.* HERRING & Co. was continued yesterday in the Supreme Court Circuit, before Presiding Justice BARNARD and a jury. Several experts in the business of manufacturing fire-proof safes and burglar-proof locks were examined. The investigation, which is eliciting considerable interest among various classes of our citizens, will be resumed on Monday next.

Mr. Justice INGRAHAM yesterday gave an opinion in the matter of the application of WILLIAM R. BABCOCK to be released on bail. BABCOCK is implicated in the notorious Lord bond robbery. The Justice has remanded the prisoner to the custody of the Warden of the City Prison to await his trial on the indictment which has been found against him by the Grand Jury.

Mons. JEAN BAPTISTE LASSIE, the inventor of a new system of aerial navigation, appeared before the Society for the Advancement of Science, at the Cooper Institute, last evening, and described his very interesting aerial machine or ship, to the great delight and instruction of a profoundly attentive audience.

MRS. MARY SANDFORD and her infant son WILLIAM, who were severely burned on Thursday at the Thirty-first-street fire, died yesterday at Bellevue Hospital. Mrs. WEBB, who jumped from the fourth story of the building, is also dead from the effects of the fall. An inquest will be held this morning by Coroner GOVER.

A fire took place in the store-room of the Compton House, corner of Twenty-fourth-street and Third-avenue, last night, resulting in fatally burning three persons and severely injuring five others. Another fire occurred at No. 111 Liberty-street, resulting in $90,000 loss in stocks and building.

The Assistant District-Attorney for the Eastern District of New-York, Mr. JOEL J. ECHARDT, has resigned his position. Mr. JOHN J. ALLEN, for some time connected with the office, has received the appointment to the vacancy.

JOHN THOMPSON, a colored man, aged 40 years, while engaged in taking off the vane from the steeple of the Dutch Reformed Church, New Utrecht, lost his balance, falling thirty feet. He was instantly killed.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday ALICE JONES was convicted of grand larceny, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years.

The General Term of the Supreme Court will hold a session this morning for the purpose of rendering decisions.

Gold was steady yesterday, and Exchange on London firmer. Money in good supply at 6@7 ₱ cent. on call. Stocks active—the Railways strongly upward in the forenoon, but turning in the opposite direction at the Second Boards.

Domestic Produce was more sought after yesterday, especially Flour and Grain, which were higher. Cotton was cheaper. Foreign merchandise was attracting rather more attention. The Freight market was less active.

THE WINTER IN THE CITY.—These cold piercing wintry days and nights will remind not a few of our citizens of their regular Winter charites to the poor and needy of the City. Contributions will be made on a large scale to all our organized charitable associations; and there will not be a class needing aid for which relief will not be supplied, either through churches, benefaction societies, or the Board of Commissioners. There are also numbers of generous people, of whom we are always glad to hear from time to time during the Winter season, who make their benefactions in a direct and very effective manner to such worthy and needy people as they may happen to know. With the first Winter cold, such as that from which we are now suffering, they quietly send a ton of coal, a barrel of flour, or some such gift to the widow's abode, the sick man's chamber, the dwelling of the unfortunate, or the residence of those who are struggling painfully and wearily with the severities of the times. In a great City like this, there are always a large number of such necessitous people, and no one need to envy another the privilege of ministering to their wants.

The Authority of Congress Over the Reconstruction of the South.

Mr. STEVENS' bill in the House and Mr. SUMNER'S resolutions in the Senate raise the Southern question in a form that will compel Congress to determine specifically the principles and the policy to be pursued. In this respect both are useful. For though the action proposed by Mr. STEVENS seems somewhat in advance of the requirements of the case, seeing that Mr. SPALDING'S resolution in regard to the Constitutional Amendment is yet before the Reconstruction Committee, the time for considering the general aspect of the question has undoubtedly arrived. If, as is believed, the session should not close without a final adjustment of the question, a consideration of the principles involved is now in order.

Each of the propositions at present before Congress proceeds upon a distinct basis. Mr. SPALDING would throw upon the Southern States the onus of determining whether they shall be restored to the Union or remain as now, subject to its burdens while deprived of its privileges. He proposes only to exact the ratification of the pending Amendment, with evidence superadded that the forms of local Government are "not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States." The chance to return on these conditions is offered, and the purpose of Congress in affording it is to be declared. The inference is, that the South may or may not be restored; the sole certainty being that it cannot escape the jurisdiction of the Federal Government or the obligations it imposes, nor evade the penalties inseparable from exclusion.

Mr. STEVENS, on the contrary, asserts that the Southern States are States no more—that they ceased to be such, as members of the Union, when their citizens rebelled against Union authority—that they are destitute of properly-organized Governments—and that the United States, having subdued the rebellion, is called upon to provide for the organization of local civil authority. The doctrine of State suicide is not, indeed, explicitly affirmed by Mr. STEVENS in his bill; but that it is the animating principle of the measure is made evident by the terms in which North Carolina is designated in the preamble and also in the body of the enactment. "Said district formerly comprising the State of North Carolina," is the phrase employed, and it is susceptible of no other interpretation than that the State, as such, has ceased to exist.

The resolutions of Mr. SUMNER affirm what we take to be indisputable—"the jurisdiction of Congress over the whole subject." They further declare the illegality of the existing Governments in the rebel States, the absence of all right on their part to representation in Congress or to vote on constitutional amendments, and "the duty of Congress to proceed with the work of reconstruction" on a certain indicated prineiple.

The duty of proceeding with the work, and that speedily, is to our mind obvious. The performance of this duty, however, will necessitate an authoritative assertion of one or another of the principles embodied in the propositions to be acted upon. Between the principle of Mr. STEVENS' bill and the principle of Mr. SUMNER'S resolutions the difference is entirely abstract. Practically, it matters comparatively little whether we declare the States non-existent, and legislate accordingly, or whether we proceed on the hypothesis that the States still live, but that their disloyal organizations have been crushed, and that their inhabitants must conform to the will of Congress touching the organizations to be created. The theoretical difference is nevertheless of sufficient importance to be weighed carefully with a view to the Constitutional justification of the course pursued.

Again, either of these plans differs fundamentally from the idea which underlies Mr. SPALDING'S resolution. To a certain extent, that is illogical. It presupposes as well the continued existence of the States within the Union as the sufficiency of local organizations growing out of President JOHNSON'S provisional interference and dictation; yet it concedes to Congress the right to pass upon the local forms of government, and to exact conformity to its standard of the republican form. If Congress may do this it may do more. And the power which may do this or more may dispense with the ratification of the Amendment by the South.

Here, then, is the pith of the question as now it stands at Washington. By way of compromise, Congress is asked to consider the expediency of renewing the offer of the Amendment as an olive branch to the South; this time declaring it to be the condition of restoration, provided there be nothing in local law or forms at variance with the spirit of recent Federal legislation. Or, spurning compromise and discarding pleas for farther delay, Congress is invited to go on with the work of reconstruction, with exclusive reference to the permanent supremacy of Union men and Union institutions throughout the South.

The doubt which forces itself upon us in relation to the latter course pertains mainly to the question of time. Rather than permit the present state of affairs to continue indefinitely, fraught as it is with ill-feeling and peril, we would push forward reconstruction on the Territorial plan. It were better to assume that task, with all its delicate contingencies, than permit a practical severance of the Union, or its restoration on a basis to be fixed by the rebel leaders. And to this complexion we believe it will come at last. The folly and contumacy of the South may necessitate and justify it as a means of consummating the victory achieved by the Union forces. But is it prudent to take the step before renewing the offer of compromise contemplated in Mr. SPALDING'S resolution? We ask simply, is it expedient?—for the right of Congress to adopt ulterior measures, even to the extent of beginning afresh the work of organizing local Governments, we are prepared to concede. Only let this severe and sweeping policy come not too soon or too hastily.

May it not be wise to give the moderate element at the South a little further time for the assertion of its strength? We dare not hope that that strength will prevail; but the trial will be beneficial, inasmuch as it will test the power of the rational portion of the people, and will prevent their consolidation against the course which may be afterward adopted by Congress. Considering the question in this light, Mr. SPALDING'S resolution seemed to us judicious; subject, however, to the understanding that an extension of time for ratification should not extend beyond the present session.

Of the other propositions, Mr. SUMNER'S is in many respects preferable. It is more in harmony with the principle which pervaded the policy of the Government during the war, and it is more likely to commend itself to the popular judgment than the doctrine of State suicide in any shape. It has another advantage. A series of resolutions, affirming principles and facts, is a more convenient basis of discussion than a bill in which principles and details are always more or less mixed. Besides, the time consumed in the consideration of these resolutions would really be an extension of grace in connection with the amendment, while the bill shuts off all chance of repentance.

The question is the most momentous that has arisen since the suppression of the rebellion. And in its solution the country has need of the patience and the temper as well as the principle of its best statesmen.

The Suffrage Question—Action of the House Yesterday.

The prompt action taken by the House yesterday upon the bill for Impartial Suffrage in the District of Columbia, which passed the Senate on Thursday, is a clear indication of the tendency of public opinion and Congressional action upon a subject which is of no less interest to the people of the North than to the States of the South. It is true that, as regards the bearings of such a measure, there is a difference between the two sections in the fact that there are few negroes in the Northern States upon whom the elective franchise can be conferred and no rebels who are likely to be deprived of the right of suffrage; while in the Southern States the negroes constitute more than a third of the entire population, and the citizens who have "aided the rebellion" comprise virtually all who have heretofore been recognized as citizens. It is true that if such a principle as Congress has established in the District of Columbia were applied in the Northern States, it would not appreciably alter the current of their political affairs, while its application to the Southern States would profoundly influence the course of politics and legislation, as well as the relations of the races and the organism of society. It is true that the South has prejudices, traditions and feelings in the matter which do not exist, and have no grounds of existence in the North; and it is true that there are ideas and convictions dominant in the North with which we cannot expect the South as yet to sympathize. But still, viewing the measure as one which transcends all local interest, and reaches to the very roots of our political institutions, we find abundance of reason for the earnest discussion it has induced in all parts of the country.

There is another point of difference in the practical bearings of this measure upon the two sections in the fact, that Congress claims no authority, and will exercise no authority, of regulating the question of suffrage in the loyal States, while the rebellious action of the Southern States has given the National Legislature a power over this question and all other questions relating to their political rehabilitation, which is only limited by the rights of conquest and the general principles of Republican Constitutional Government. Congress at all events has given numerous indications of its determination to exercise this power.

We do not by any means concede, however, that Congress has any right, or that it would be just in it, to apply to the Southern States any such suffrage law as has now been enacted for the District of Columbia. Nor is there any likelihood of its attempting such a thing, or of the country permitting it. There are special and definite reasons why, under the jurisdiction it habitually and legitimately exercises over the local affairs of the District, it should within these limits apply the principle and enforce the terms of the law which passed the House yesterday; and the action acquires enlarged significance as being the initiative of a policy which will yet be established, under proper auspices, with more or less modification, in all the States. But in the Constitutional Amendment, which is the policy of Congress, and the policy of the Republican Party, regarding Southern reconstruction, no such ground is taken. The Amendment makes no provision for regulating the suffrage in the Southern States, does not confer the franchise upon black citizens, or deprive any man of the privilege of voting because of the part he took in the rebellion. It leaves these matters, even for the rebellious section, where they are left by the terms of the Constitution, under the control of the several States. The policy is too wise and just to be departed from. And the passage of the present bill, which we have repeatedly advocated, gives no ground whatever for believing that it will be departed from.

MORE CITY RAILROAD SWINDLES.—The Third-avenue Railroad management is so utterly bad that it could not, under any arrangement that we happen to know of, be any worse. Mr. DARLING, in his time, had some regard to the rights and conveniences of the public. The Shylocks who have succeeded him have *no* regard for anything but dividends. They have just inaugurated a new scheme of plunder by which at least one-third of the *through* passengers coming down will either have to pay 13 cents fare or stand for six miles on the platforms, with the thermometer at zero. For a few weeks the managers of this road made a virtue of allowing transfer tickets at the station. *That*, however, was too much of an accommodation to the traveling public, and yesterday the double-fare plan was introduced. Or car No. 108 the Conductor, evidently an importation from Chatham-street, seemed to enter gleefully into the *rig* proposed by his masters, and enjoyed immensely the joke of first pocketing seven cents for the upper half of the ride, and seeing passengers, forced off his car by the sharp cold, go and pay over again at the depot for an inside seat. It is probable this swindle may last for some time. Indeed, we believe it can only be put an end to in one way by an act of the Legislature empowering the Second-avenue Company to run its cars along Chatham-street, to the open ground fronting Tryon-row. That Company *tries*, at least, to accommodate the public; and if it had its cars running to and from any point near the City Hall, it would carry off five-sixths of the through traffic on the east side of Central Park. Let the Legislature be petitioned promptly to grant this measure of relief. We believe every intelligent "East-side" resident of the Island would sign such a memorial as we suggest with eagerness.

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN PROPOSED FOR A MEMBER OF THE NORTH GERMAN PARLIAMENT.—Since the agitation has begun for the selection of members for the North German Parliament, to assemble, as it is now promised, some day in February next, at Berlin, the different communities are looking about for proper representatives. As the restriction of residence in the district of its representative does not prevail, some constituencies are looking out into almost every corner of the globe for their member of Parliament. Thus in the City of Marburg, formerly of Electoral-Hesse, now Prussian, two distinct parties are now forming, one of which has put the name of the Prussian Minister, Count BISMARCK, prominently before the public as a candidate for representative. The opponents of this movement, and those favoring a more liberal policy than Count BISMARCK has up to this given any signs of, propose to unite upon Col. FREDERICK HECKER, now and for nearly seventeen years a resident of Illinois. Considering that Mr. HECKER is a native of the Grand Duchy of Baden, not included in the Northern Confederacy; that for near twelve years he has been a naturalized citizen of the United States; that he has proven his full appreciation of the duties of such citizenship by early organizing a regiment for the Union cause, it must be taken for granted that his ability, political professions and past career have found general recognition among the Liberal Party of Germany. But we doubt whether, even if elected, he would accept. At any rate, the honor of being spoken of for the post must be gratifying to him.

OUR PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRY AND OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.—Secretary MCCULLOCH, speaking of the finances in a note to a country banker, says: "What we need is an increase of labor. If we could have the productive industry of the country in full exercise, we could return to specie payments without any very large curtailment of United States notes." Only the other day we suggested that it would be a wise thing if Congress—while occupying itself in all sorts of political schemes with reference to the Southern States—would give some attention to the great material interests of that section which have such a vital bearing upon the national prosperity. The South has no voice in legislation, and this greatly aggravates all the direct and indirect evils it has suffered from the war. Moreover, as a consequence, all those interests relating to the development of its resources are greatly neglected. It is not the South only, but the whole country, which loses on this account. If, with reference to the cotton culture alone, "we could have the productive industry of the country in full exercise," we should speedily witness a great amelioration of all the evils under which the country now labors. The Secretary of the Treasury appreciates its importance to our finances; for were it possible in the coming year to raise our cotton export to what it was in 1861, a great step would be taken in the direction of relieving us from the deranged industrial and monetary conditions that have risen from the long cessation of specie payments. We are sure the country would like to see Congress take some practical steps to favor the productive industry of the South, as well as to regulate its politics clock-work fashion.

LOOK OUT FOR THE THIEVES.—The carthieves who were driven from the City some time ago by the decisive measures adopted by the Police have returned in large numbers,—driven in to their lairs, probably, by the cold spell. Last night, we are informed, a number of persons, who had been present at the concert in Steinway Hall, were victimized in getting on to the Fourth-avenue cars. A crowd of thieves surrounded several cars in succession, pressed on to the rear platform and began the usual *muss* which precedes a general raid on pockets. We are sure the Superintendent of Police does not need to be reminded how important it is that the old crowd of rogues should not again get the upper hand on the night cars. They were thoroughly kept down during several months of the Summer. But their return shows that a new attack by the Police, and a more unsparing one, must be made if we are to live over the Winter months in safety.

AMUSEMENTS.

ITALIAN OPERA.—"Il Trovatore" was the opera given last night at the Winter Garden. The work still retains its interest to a large proportion of the musical community. For the critic it offers nothing new. The performance was a good one, and satisfied a fine and fashionable audience. To-day there will be a grand *matinée*, commencing at 1 o'clock. The opera selected for the occasion is AUBER'S charming "Fra Diavolo." The cast includes the names of Miss KELLOGG, Mme. NATALIE-TESTA, Signor MAZZOLENI, Signor BERNARDI, Signor DUBREUL, Signor FOSSATI and Signor GIORGIO RONCONI. On Monday night HEROLD'S beautiful opera of "Zampa" will be produced with an extraordinarily great distribution of parts.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.—The promised spectacle of "Cendrillon" was not given here last night. Additional rehearsals, it seems, were needed, and so the management has deferred the first representation until Monday next.

FRENCH OPERA.—There will be a *matinée* performance of "Galathée" to-day, in which Mlle. NADDE, and Messieurs DE SURMONT, WILHEM and VERT, will take part. The opera has proved a genuine success. In the evening the brilliant and amusing opera of the "Caid" will also be given, with BONCONSIGLIO, LAURENTIS and CHOL; also, the vaudeville of "Tromb-al-Cazar," with LAURENTIS, EDGARD and CHOL. There is no lack of energy on the part of the members of the company, who now have their fortunes in their own hands.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—The drama of the "Master of Ravenswood" still holds the stage at this establishment, and will continue, we doubt not, to do so for many days to come. It is the custom to speak of SCOTT'S novels and not to read them. The only exception that can be made is in the instance of the *Bride of Lammermoor*. In one way or another—musically or dramatically—the work has appealed to the public heart so frequently that almost every one is familiar with the story of the unfortunate heroine. To see a better version than we have yet had is, therefore, something; and to see the version which is now playing at the Olympic, and which Mr. GROVER ascribes to Mr. CHARLES DICKENS is a decided pleasure. The play is well constructed, and remarkably well acted. The superfluities to which we briefly referred on the first night have been modified. On that occasion it seemed possible that the old woman *Alice* would drive the audience to despair by her dismal garrulity, and even Mr. STODDARD, excellent as he is, gave us rather more than was necessary for a contented mind. Everything has now been qualified. The performance terminates at a reasonable hour, and the people are pleased. We doubt very much if they will be more than pleased. The piece, enjoyable in almost every respect, does not possess the elements of a strong and trenchant success. In every other version save this, the interest throughout has centred on the heroine. It is essential, except in rare instances, that it should do so. In the "Master of Ravenswood" the interest is concentrated mainly on *Edgar*. There are, to be sure, two admirable scenes for *Lucy*—scenes where the pathos is so intense that it sweeps everything else before it, and we may add that these scenes could not be better rendered than they are by Miss ROSE EYTINGE. But as a rule the pipes all run in one direction, and the company simply pumps into them. Mr. JORDAN disguises the fact with rare prudence. It may be said of him that he bears his honors blushingly. His style is quiet and self-possessed, yet sufficiently animated to suggest the gallantry of the Master of Ravenswood. Were he disposed he could not only fill the stage, but overflow it. As it is, he gives us an admirably sustained characterization. The smaller parts are intrusted to competent hands, and the scenery, costumes, music, &c., leave nothing to be desired.

The "Master of Ravenswood" will be given to-day at the popular *matinée*, commencing at 1 o'clock. We advise our readers to see it.

CONCERT.—Mrs. ANNA PAYNE will give her grand concert at Irving Hall to-night, assisted by Mr. WM. LEGGETT, (tenor,) Mr. J. N. PATTISON, (pianist,) Mr. J. B. POSNANSKI, (violinist,) and Mr. COLBY, conductor.

MUSICAL MATINEE.—Mr. JAS. WEHLI, the celebrated pianist, will give his third morning concert at Irving Hall to-day, beginning at 11 o'clock. He will be assisted by Miss VIOLA HENRIQUES, soprano, Mr. FRANK BARTLETT, baritone, and M. GUYON, pianist.

MR. MORGAN'S CONCERT.—Mr. GEORGE W. MORGAN, the great organist, will give his annual concert at Steinway Hall on Monday evening. A number of artists and a portion of the famous Cecilian Choir will take part on the occasion.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—The second concert of the season takes place to-night at Steinway Hall.

BOOTH IN BROOKLYN.—The dreary platitudes of the "Stranger" induced a large and fashionable audience to brave the piercing winds and chilling blasts last evening, and Mr. EDWIN BOOTH in the funereal rôle of that "generous" old humbug, *Mr. Haller*, entertained his patrons at the Brooklyn Academy. The best that can be said of the drama is, that it was played better and quicker than we have seen it before, for which all parties concerned seemed to be duly thankful. "Don Cæsar de Bazan" concluded the evening, affording Mr. BOOTH and Mme. METHUA SCHELLER a pleasanter and more popular opportunity for the exercise and display of their mental and professional worth. At the conclusion of the "Stranger," Mr. BOOTH and Miss VERNON were called before the curtain, and the same attention was paid to Mme. SCHELLER with Mr. BOOTH, after *Don Cæsar's* exploits.

ARTISTS' RECEPTION.—This afternoon the artists of the Studio Building, No. 51 West Tenth-street, will hold another of their public receptions, so pleasantly inaugurated two weeks ago. The art-loving public should understand that these reunions are entirely informal; that they will take place every Saturday afternoon from 12 o'clock until 5, for the rest of the season; and that all who wish to see pictures at home, may avail themselves of these occasions to visit the studios. The studios of many of our most popular artists are in the Tenth-street building, and visitors will have the opportunity of seeing some of the best works of MCENTEE, SHATTUCK, GIFFORD, BRADFORD, LAUNT THOMPSON, GUY, GIGNOUX and others, with whose names the public are familiar.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATED PRESS AGENT.—Some unscrupulous parties are circulating a story that Mr. SIMONTON, agent of the Associated Press, has resigned or is about to do so. There is not a shadow of truth in the assertion, and those who set it afloat did so from sheer malice. It is about as trustworthy, however, as most of the "news" forwarded to a few country papers in the West from the same source.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The Republican Nomination—The First Congressional District.

CONCORD, Friday, Dec. 14.

The question of the Governorship and railway monopoly, continues to cause much excitement. With regard to the Governship, it looks to-day as if SMITH'S name would be withdrawn by the convention, and Gen. HARRIMAN'S placed in its stead.

Nearly every town in the State is against STEARNS and his railroad influence, and his nomination is out of the question.

There is a multiplicity of Republican candidates for Congress, and the earnestness with which claims are canvassed, argues trouble in two of the districts.

The Democrats are making no movements publicly, but are laboring very earnestly in secret, to secure MARSTON'S district, if no other.

THE TERRITORIES.

Gold from Colorado—Troops Asked For in New-Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

A dispatch from Leavenworth says that shipments of gold from Denver, for the week ending Dec. 4, were 1,179 ounces, valued at $24,000.

A monster petition, fifty-two feet in length, containing the names of all the prominent citizens of New-Mexico, has been forwarded to the authorities at Washington, praying for an increase of the military force in that Territory as absolutely necessary to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants against the Indians, who are reported to be plundering and murdering almost with impunity.

FIRES.

Another Terrible Catastrophe—Three Persons Fatally Burned and Five Others Seriously—Fire in the Store-room of the Compton House.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock, last evening, a loud explosion was heard in the basement of the Compton House, situate on the corner of Twenty-fourth-street and Third-avenue, when the cry of "fire" was at once raised, causing a scene of great confusion in the hotel. The proprietor of the house, Mr. WM. COMPTON, and a boarder named OLIVER MILLER, ran down stairs into the storeroom, which they found wrapped in flames, and the occupants of the kitchen completely cut off from escape. Both Mr. COMPTON and his companion made strenuous efforts to extinguish the flames, but they failed in doing so, and found that their clothing was on fire. The servants of the hotel who were in the kitchen were compelled to pass through the storeroom in attempting their escape, and were severly burned in doing so.

At this juncture the Eighteenth Precinct Police, under command of Capt. CAMERON and Sergts. BANFIELD and MCELWAIN, arrived on the scene and lent great assistance in rescuing those imprisoned in the kitchen, as did also the firemen present, led by Engineer RHODES. Patrolman MASTERSON and Mr. RHODES were slightly burned in their efforts, and were at one time in great peril. The following are the names of those injured by the flames:

WILLIAM COMPTON, proprietor of the hotel, very dang rously burned about the head and body; not expected to recover. Mr. COMPTON refused to go to Bellevue Hospital, so was taken up stairs to his room.

OLIVER MILLER, boarder and deaf mute, dangerously burned, and not expected to recover.

KATE FLANNAGAN, cook, so severely burned that she is not expected to live the night out.

JOHN BLAKE, fireman of the hotel, severely, but not fatally, burned.

DANIEL BROWN, bootblack, severely burned.

DANIEL MCGINNIS, carver, severely.

MARGARET BROOKS, waitress.

CATHARINE COONEY, assistant cook.

All of the last named five received severe burns about the head and body, but they are not considered in great danger. They were all taken to Bellevue Hospital, as were also Mr. MILLER and the head cook.

The origin of the fire

Card to the Public.

In order to promote public confidence in the highest degree the officers and managers of "The Home" have consented to assume the responsibility of the custody of the funds received by us. All money, as soon as received, is deposited in the Eighth National Bank, and all payments for articles purchased, or other expenses, are made out of the funds so deposited, by check of N. H. DAVIS, Agent of the institution, indorsed by us.

A Committee consisting of three gentlemen of the Ladies' Advisory Committee purchase all the articles to be presented, and a Committee composed of Major-Gen. Van Vliet, Quartermaster-General of the Department of New-York; Major-Gen. Barlow, Secretary of State; Andrew Warner, Secretary of the Bank for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks; William Orton, President of the American Telegraph Company, and John H. White, Esq., counsellor-at-law, will have the direction of the manner of distribution.

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J. B. HUTCHINSON, Cashier.
Dated WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 30, 1866.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1866.

The annual election for Eleven Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking Room on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.

Polls open from 11 to 12 A. M.

J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

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That at a special meeting of the Directors of said Company, held at their office, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1866, in view of a deficiency in the capital of said Company, caused by unprecedented marine disasters, and under and in pursuance of section 11 of the charter of said Company, and of the statute in such case made and provided, it was unanimously resolved that an assessment of fifty per cent. be and the same was accordingly duly assessed upon each and every share of the capital stock of said Company, payable at the office of said Company, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on or before the 3d day of January, 1867.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1866.

A. L. McCARTHY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., 51 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

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J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETing of the stockholders of this bank will be held at their banking-rooms, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year.

C. S. STEVENSON, Cashier.

CROTON NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE STOCKholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

By order of the Board.

M. T. RODMAN, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank, for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, Broadway and Chambers sts., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL election for directors of the first-class of the NORTH AMERICA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19. Polls open from 3 to 5 o'clock P. M.

J. W. MERRILL, Secretary.

MARIPOSA BONDS.—HOLDERS OF OLD Bonds of Mariposa Company are hereby notified that the time expires on 31st inst. for exchanging them for the Mortgage Bonds of said Company.

MARK BRUMAGIM, President.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE

SOUTHWEST

Pacific R. R. Co.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST GUARANTEED BY THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, IN COUPON BONDS OF $1,000 EACH, TWENTY YEARS TO RUN. DUE SEPT. 15, 1886.

INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK ON THE FIRST DAYS OF JANUARY AND JULY.

These Bonds are issued on 77 miles of completed road, now in operation to Rolla, in the State of Missouri, which cost to construct.....$4,500,000
And 13 miles of road graded, with material on hand, to be completed by Jan. 1, 1867, at a cost of.....500,000
Together with 260,000 acres of land, now being disposed of at a minimum of $5 per acre, (maximum $40).....1,300,000
Say present total value of.....$6,300,000

THE AMOUNT OF BONDS ISSUED IS $2,000,000.

SECURED BY MORTGAGE TO JOHN P. YELVERTON AND CHAS. H. WARD, OF NEW-YORK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE ABOVE NAMED PROPERTY.

By a provision of this Mortgage, when lands are sold to the amount of $40,000, it is to constitute a special fund for the redemption of a like amount of these Bonds at a rate not exceeding 105 per cent. They are also receivable at PAR by the Company in payment of its sales of lands.

At St. Louis this road connects with all the Eastern railways, and runs west through the most attractive parts of the State of Missouri, via Franklin, St. James, Rolla, Lebanon, Marshfield, Granby (lead mines) and Neosho, to the west line of the State. At Springfield it will connect with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (its eastern terminus) to the Pacific.

When completed, it will present a road of 310 miles in length, costing about.....$12,000,000
With 1,036,000 acres of land, valued at.....10,000,000
Showing a total value of.....$22,000,000
With a total amount of bonds authorised, with the guarantee as above, of.....$7,250,000
Which may be issued at a rate not exceeding $25,000 per mile of completed work as it progresses.

Of the present issue of $2,000,000 of bonds, the sum of $500,000 is now offered for sale at the low rate of 90 per cent., subject to advance at the option of the Company.

For further particulars apply to

WARD & CO.,
Bankers,
No. 54 Wall-st., New-York.

VERMILYE & CO.,

NO. 44 WALL-ST.,

BANKERS AND DEALERS

IN

GOVERNMENT STOCKS

AND

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

CLOSING PRICES. NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

Registered '81..	Buy. 107⅞	Sell. 108¼	June, 7-30.....	Buy. 104⅝	Sell. 104⅞
Coupon, 1881.....	111⅝	112	July, 7-30.....	104	104⅝
5-20 Regist'd '62.	106	106¾	June, C.I.N't's, '81	116⅛	116⅜
5-20 Coup., do.	107	107¼	July, C.I.N't's, '81	115⅞	116
5-20 Coupon, '64.	105¾	106	Aug., C.I.N't's, '81	114⅝	115⅛
5-20 Coupon, '65.	105⅞	106¼	Oct., C.I.N't's, '81	114	114⅛
5-20 new, '65.	108⅛	108½	Dec., C.I.N't's, '81	113⅜	113⅝
10-40 Registered.	99½	99¾	Aug., C.I.N't's, '82	113⅛	113⅜
10-40 Coupon.....	99¾	99⅞	Aug., C.I.N't's, '65	110⅜	110⅝
Gold.....	137⅛	138	Sept., C.I.N't's, '65	110	110⅛
August, 7-30.....	103	103¼	Oct., C.I.N't's, '65	109⅝	110

ADAMS, KIMBALL & MOORE,
BANKERS,
NO. 14 WALL-ST.,
BUY AND SELL AT MARKET RATES
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
Of all issues, and execute orders for purchase and sale of STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

FOR SALE.

City Railroad and Insurance Stock, paying from 10 to 20 per cent. dividends; also City, County and other securities, at the lowest market rates, for investment.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
STOCK BROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
No. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

CAPITAL $5,000,000.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors, will be held at their Banking Room on the second Tuesday in January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.

B. SEMAN, Cashier.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS,

Of all denominations, can be obtained at this office at the full commissions allowed by law, viz.: On amounts of fifty dollars and upward, 2 per cent.; one hundred dollars and upward, 3 per cent.; five hundred dollars and upward, 4 per cent.; one thousand dollars and upward, 5 per cent.; the commissions being payable at stamps.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
DEC. 3, 1866.

Schedules of (20) Thirty or more Seven and three-tenth Coupons, payable Dec. 15th, inst., will now be received for examination.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

J. E. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

PARTIES HAVING BILLS TO BE COLlected should leave them with DAVID A. RITTER, Collection Agency, No. 5 Beekman-st. Good reference.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,

OFFICE CORNER OF BROADWAY AND LIBERTY-STREET.

F. S. WINSTON, President.

Cash Assets, Nov. 1, 1866.

$17,316,001 83.

This Company issues Life, Endowment and Paid-up Policies, in various forms, and at rates as favorable as is consistent with security.

DIVIDENDS ANNUAL AND IN CASH,

which may be used in payment of premiums, or on paid-up policies, as an annual CASH INCOME TO THE ASSURED.

Attention is called to the

INSTALMENT FEATURE,

Securing to the beneficiaries annuities for any number of years after the death of the assured.

RICHARD A. McCURDY, V. P.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.

ISAAC ABBATT, JOHN M. STUART, } Secretaries.

DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer-books will close on the 17th inst., and reopen on the 2d day of January next.

W. BEMENT, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, held at Boston this 13th day of December, 1866, it was

Voted, That a Dividend of $6 per share, free of Government tax be and the same is hereby declared payable on the 1st day of January next to holders of stock at the close of business on the 20th inst. Payment is to be made to stockholders residing in Michigan and registered at Boston, at the office of the General Receiver in Detroit; to holders of stock registered in the City of New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in said City; and to all others, at the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Boston.

Voted, That the transfer books of the Company be closed from the 20th inst. until the 1st of January next.

ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY CO.,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a Dividend of Seven per Cent., less Government tax, on the preferred stock of this Company for the year ending the 1st day of December next, payable on and after the 17th day of December next in the preferred stock of the Company, at par, to holders of said stock as shown by the books of the Company on the 1st day of December. The Transfer-Books will be closed on the afternoon of the 1st of December, and open on the morning of the 18th. Additional parts of a share of this Dividend declared will be paid for in cash by the Treasurer at the rate of the price of the stock on the 15th December instant.

A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No. 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS (IN DUPLICATE) will be received by the undersigned until 1 o'clock P. M., on MONDAY, Dec. 17, for supplying for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:

1,000 barrels of first quality extra superfine Southern, St. Louis or other brands of FLOUR, *suitable for keeping in a warm climate*. The brands and places of manufacture to be stated in the bids. The barrels to be in good shipping order, with round hoops, full head-lined and bungs sealed.

100,000 pounds of first quality PILOT BREAD, to be made of good sound Extra Ohio or other equally good *side-branded* flour; crackers to be thoroughly baked and perfectly dried before being packed, and in size, thickness, openness, &c., to conform to standard heretofore established; to be packed in boxes of 50 pounds bread to each box; boxes to be made of fully seasoned wood, of such kinds as will impart no taste or odor to the bread; bottom and top of single pieces, or if of two pieces, tongued and grooved together. Boxes to be strapped with light straps of suitable wood. The Flour and Bread will also be examined by the Inspector, who will reject all that in the quality of the flour, or in any other respect, is inferior to the standard samples.

5,000 pounds of good sound dry SALT, in strong tight barrels, adapted to the purpose, with full head-lining; sixty pounds to the bushel.

5,000 pounds PLUG TOBACCO. Three-quarters in half-boxes and one-quarter in quarter-boxes, of a grade not inferior to the grade commonly known as "Navy Plug;" each plug to weigh, as nearly as possible, one (1) pound. It will only be purchased "tax paid."

Boxes to be of the best kind, made for the purpose.

The tare of each package of Tobacco purchased must be carefully ascertained, and with the gross and net weigh marks thereon, be duly verified by stripping a sufficient number of boxes, and the tobacco inspected and compared with the retained samples at the time of delivery.

The stores are required for immediate delivery.

Samples of the flour, salt and tobacco must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guarantee of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the value of the stores proposed to be furnished, shall be executed, if required."

The bidder's name, place of business, and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with shipping marks to be hereafter designated, must be plainly marked on every package. All other old marks must be obliterated.

The flour, salt and tobacco will be inspected at the date of delivery, and compared with the retained samples by an inspector appointed by this office, whose certificate will be required.

Payments will be made in currency or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received for the purpose.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods without expense to the United States until required for shipment.

Blanks for proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed, "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

H. F. CLARKE,
Brevet Brigadier-General and A. C. G. S.

TO ARCHITECTS.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Architects are invited to prepare plans and specifications, and estimates of cost for new fire-proof buildings for the War Department, on the site now occupied by the War Department and adjacent vacant ground, in Washington, D. C.

The buildings required should have a superficial area as large as the site selected will admit of. Photographs of site, and all other information relating to the subject, will be furnished to Architects desiring to compete for the work, on application, personally or by letter, to the undersigned.

A premium of $3,000 for the first, of $2,000 for the second, and of $1,000 for the third best of the three plans and specifications received, will be awarded, upon the approval of the Hon. Secretary of War, by the Board of Officers charged with the duty of selecting a site and preparing plans and specifications for the buildings of the War Department under act of Congress approved July 28, 1866.

The plans and specifications must be sent to the office of Brevet Lieut.-Col. T. J. Treadwell, Recorder of the Board, Ordnance Office, Winder's Building, Washington, D. C., on or before the first day of February, 1867.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all plans submitted, should none be deemed suitable for the purpose, as well as to retain any or all of such plans.

By order of the Board.

T. J. TREADWELL,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. A., Recorder.

POSTMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. N., No. 29 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 12 M. on the 20th of December, 1866, for the following description of granite, to be delivered immediately, free of expense to the Government, in the New-York Navy-yard, and subject to the usual inspection thereat:

BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

20,000 cubic feet rough-cut Eastern granite, one-third to be 12 feet long and 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 10 to 13 feet long and 3½ to 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 6 to 9 feet long and from 3½ to 3 feet wide—all to dress exactly 18 inches in thickness. The stone to be sound, free from holes, and to be rough dressed all round.

20,000 cubic feet Eastern granite for wall above low water, to be from 4 to 10 feet long, 2 to 4 feet wide, and 18 inches in thickness. Beds, builds and joints to be rough-cut, and have full joints, all to be cut so as to form a good bond. 4,515 square feet face, to have chiseled arris, and such work as shall be neatly pointed, and free from holes; batter of face 1¼ inch to the foot.

Responsible security will be required for the prompt and faithful delivery of the above. Blank forms for bidders to be had at this office.

JOHN D. GIBSON,
Paymaster, U. S. N.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STS., NEW-YORK, Dec. 3, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until the 17th day of December next, at 3 o'clock P. M., at which time proposals will be considered, for supplying the public schools under the direction of the Board of Education with Books, Stationery and other articles required for the use of said schools, for one year, commencing on the 1st of January, 1867.

A list of the articles required will be furnished on application to the Clerk of the Board of Education.

TIMOTHY BRENNAN,
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
JAMES W. FARR,
JAMES L. MILLER,
JAS. B. DUPIGNAC,
} Committee on Supplies.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 96 Warren-st.

Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto, free of Government tax. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Sec'y.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 293 BOWERY.

Six per cent. interest (free from Government tax) allowed on sums of from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before the 1st of each month will draw interest from that date.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

STEPHEN CUTTER, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 3 CHAMBERS-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY NOTIfied that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on deposits of $500, and at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on all sums over $500, which have been deposited for the space of six and three months respectively, on the 1st of January, 1867, payable on and after the 21st day of January next. Interest not called for will be added to the principal and draw interest as if deposited previous to the 1st of January.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. till 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 P. M.

CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.
WILLIAM H. SLOTHUM, President.

THE "INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVings of MERCHANTS' CLERKS," and others, No. 516 Broadway, has declared a dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., and payable MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867, at the following rates per annum: 6 per Cent on sums of from $5 to $500, and Five per Cent. on larger sums, free from Government tax.

MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
DEC. 13, 1866.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ON THE PETITION OF ROBERT WADDELL, of Liverpool, Kingdom of Great Britain, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of June, 1854, antedated to April 27, 1853, and dated in England the 2d of March, 1853, for an improvement in Balancing Slide Valves of Steam Engines, for seven years from the expiration of said letters, which takes place on the 27th day of April, 1867, it is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th of February next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear at that time and place, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted. Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least *twenty* days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application. Depositions and other papers, relied upon as testimony, must be filed in the office *twenty* days before the day of hearing; the arguments, if any, within *ten* days after filing the testimony. Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the *Republican* and the *Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., and in the TIMES, New-York, N. Y., once a week for three successive weeks; the first of said publications to be at least sixty days previous to the day of hearing.

T. D. THEAKER,
Commissioner of Patents.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WM. H. KELLEY and CHARLES F. ROPER, lately doing business under the firm name of W. H. KELLEY & Co., at No. 653 Broadway, City of New-York, have executed and delivered unto me an assignment of all their property in trust for the benefit of creditors, which assignment has been duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York.

All persons indebted to said firm are requested to make payment at once to me at my office, Eighth National Bank, No. 630 Broadway, City of New-York. The creditors of said firm are requested to present their claims at the same place, on or before the 15th day of January, 1867.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1866.

CHAS. HUDSON,
Assignee of W. H. Kelley & Co.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 17th day of December, 1866, I shall proceed to draw Jurors for the following Courts, to be held in and for the City and County of New-York, on the 7th day of January, 1867:

Two panels of 100 Petit Jurors each for a Supreme Court Circuit, Parts 1 and 2.

A panel of 180 Petit Jurors for a Court of General Sessions.

A panel of 36 Grand Jurors for a Court of General Sessions.

Two panels of 104 Petit Jurors each for a Superior Court, Parts 1 and 2.

Two panels of 104 Petit Jurors each for a Court of Common Pleas, Parts 1 and 2.

WM. C. CONNER, Clerk.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES, SLEIGHS.

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN PRICES.
300 FOR SALE. 100 SLEIGHS, 800 HARNESSES.
1,000 STRAPS SLEIGH BELLS.
C. WITTY'S Carriage Warerooms,
No. 628 Broadway, near Bleecker-st.

CARRIAGE AND SLEIGH ROBES IN great variety. Wolf robes at $25, formerly sold at $45. A splendid Polar Bear Robe, brought from the Artic regions by Dr. Kane, at a sacrifice. Call before purchasing. BUELL'S, No. 469 Broadway and No. 128 Fulton-st.

DRY GOODS

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

CARPETS
AND
OIL-CLOTHS.

SMITH & LOUNSBERY,
NO. 405 BROADWAY,
NEAR GRAND-ST., NEW-YORK, HAVE ON HAND A LARGE AND SELECT STOCK OF NEW FALL STYLES, WHICH THEY ARE OFFERING AT IMPORTERS' AND MANUFACTURERS' PRICES.

TAPESTRY CARPETS AS LOW AS $1 75 PER YARD.

CARPETS MADE UP AND LAID AT SHORT NOTICE.

BROCATELLES, TAPESTRIES, REPS, LACE CURTAINS, CORNICES, SHADES, AT REDUCED PRICES. TAYLOR, McGIBBON & Co., NO. 809 BROADWAY. Between 11th and 12th sts.

RICH DRY GOODS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS, AT GREAT BARGAINS.

STRANG & ADRIANCE,

No. 1355 BROADWAY, between Franklin and Leonard sts., will offer on MONDAY, Dec. 17, at retail THE GREATEST BARGAINS YET OFFERED, from last week's peremptory auction sales.

RICH SILK AND DRESS GOODS, the greatest variety ever offered by us for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, at about 50 cents on the dollar. The richest and cheapest REAL POINT LACE, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS and CUFFS, ever offered.

LACE SHAWLS, PARIS, CAMEL'S HAIR, PAISLEY and other rich SHAWLS in great variety.

BLACK LYONS SILK VELVET, first quality, at about half price of importation. Also, 5,000 DRESSES of the following goods, put up in DRESS PATTERNS with the price marked in plain figures on each dress, and placed on separate counters, for convenience of customers, comprising:

EMPRESS CLOTH, MERINOS, ALPACAS, STRIPE and CHECK POPLINS, WINCEYS, PLAID and STRIPED VALENCIAS, FRENCH and AMERICAN DELAINES, FRENCH and AMERICAN PRINTS.

GREAT REDUCTION IN CLOAKS.

In consequence of the immense decline in the prices of CLOTHS,

we are now prepared to offer the ladies A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF CLOAKS, at prices far below those of any other house in New-York.

ALSO,

A SUPERB SELECTION OF FURS, at less than manufacturers' prices, to close out the stock.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
No. 868 Broadway,
Between 19th and 20th sts.

SMILLIE & CO.

Have opened the most ELEGANT ASSORTMENT of CLOAKS, SACQUES, BASQUES, JACKETS and CIRCULARS, in VELVET and CLOTH, which cannot be surpassed in America.

No. 763 BROADWAY,
Between 8th and 9th sts.
WILLIAM BUCHANAN MACKENZIE,
Superintendent.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

Are now offering
PARIS-MADE VELVET CLOTH SACQUES, BASQUES AND PALETOTS at $10 each, recently sold for $15 and $20.
Also the same at $12 each, recently sold for $20.
AN EXTRAORDINARY LOT OF BLACK SILKS, BROADWAY AND TENTH-ST.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

ARE OFFERING
REAL LACE SHAWLS, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS, SETS AND BALL DRESSES
AT
EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.
BROADWAY AND 10TH-ST.

FRENCH CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS,

Ls. CHAPRON, No. 11 Rue de la Paix, Paris,
From 15 cents up to $200 each.
Letters embroidered in perfection. Fixed price.

BARGAINS IN LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDER-CLOTHING.—FRENCH JOUPONS, embroidered and lace-trimmed; EMBROIDERED FLANNEL SKIRTS; BRONZE, BLACK AND COTTON CHEMISES, NIGHT ROBES, PANTALETS, &c. CHILDREN'S TRIMMED AND QUILTED CLOAKS INFANTS' CAPS, BONNETS, &c.,

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
A. T. STEWART & CO.'S,
Broadway and 10th-st.

H. O. FARRELL, NOS. 267 TO 271 36TH-ST., ONE DOOR EAST 8TH-AV.—Carpets and furniture. The largest and best selected stock of the above goods in the City, for cash. Super power loom ingrains 8s. to 10s.; old price $1 00 to $1 50; oil-cloths, 1 to 6 yards wide; 10,000 pairs blankets. The above stock is 33 per cent. less than last month's prices, and will be sold regardless of cost.

All goods warranted.

BENJ. F. THEALL, Auctioneer,
Late Salesman with E. H. Ludlow & Co.

BY THEALL & BROS., THIS DAY, (Saturday,) Continuation sale of Elegant Fancy Goods, Cloc

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND SOUTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 19.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 26.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$113 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favor to route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

EUROPE.....LEMAIRE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 15
ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 29
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 12
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....SATURDAY, Jan. 26

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin.....$135 | Second cabin.....$80

RATES AFTER 1ST JANUARY, 1867.

First cabin, $150; second cabin, $100; including wine. These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

Medical attendance free of charge.

Passengers intending to land at Brest can be furnished on board with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent No. 58 Broadway.

STEAMER EUROPE, FOR BREST AND HAVRE,

will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton-st., SATURDAY, Dec. 15, at 11 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 10 o'clock.

GREAT REDUCTION

IN PRICE OF PASSAGE TO EUROPE

BY THE

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, on the following days, noon, precisely:

ARAGO, HENRY A. GADSDEN.....Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD

FIRST-CLASS:

Main Saloon.....$100 | Lower Saloon.....$80
Second class..$50.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

J. J. COMSTOCK, Agent,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

JAMES A. WOTTON, Havre, General Agent in Europe
CHERBETTE KANE & CO., Agents in Paris.

CUNARD EMIGRANT LINE.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY.

HECLA.....Dec. 19
PALMYRA.....Jan. 2

RATES OF PASSAGE:

Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.

For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 69 Broadway.

For Freight and Cabin Passage, at No. 4 Bowling-green.

E. CUNARD.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favor to route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

EUROPE.....LEMAIRE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 15
ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 29
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 12
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....SATURDAY, Jan. 26

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin.....$135 | Second cabin.....$80

RATES AFTER 1ST JANUARY, 1867.

First cabin, $150; second cabin, $100; including wine. These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

Medical attendance free of charge.

Passengers intending to land at Brest can be furnished on board with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent No. 58 Broadway.

STEAMER EUROPE, FOR BREST AND HAVRE,

will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton-st., SATURDAY, Dec. 15, at 11 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 10 o'clock.

GREAT REDUCTION

IN PRICE OF PASSAGE TO EUROPE

BY THE

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, on the following days, noon, precisely:

ARAGO, HENRY A. GADSDEN.....Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD

FIRST-CLASS:

Main Saloon.....$100 | Lower Saloon.....$80
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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR;

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$150
Second Cabin Passage.....100

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$125
Second Cabin Passage.....80

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.

Passage to London, $90, $60 and $30 currency.
Passage from London, $75, $60 and $30 gold.

WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGS, from New-York, Dec. 29.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Jan. 12.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Feb. 2.
CELLA, Capt. GLADDEN, from New-York, Feb. 16.

The new and elegant British iron steamship WILLIAM PENN, 3,000 tons, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.

The accommodations for passengers on this ship are unsurpassed.

Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.

For passage apply to CHAS. A. WHITNEY, No. 26 Broadway.

For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.

HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:

CITY OF PARIS.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 15
KANGAROO.....WEDNESDAY.....Dec. 19
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 22
CITY OF DUBLIN.....WEDNESDAY.....Dec. 26
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 29

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the mail steamers sailing every Saturday.

First Cabin.....$90 | Steerage.....$30
Second Cabin to London.....65 | Steerage to London.....30
First Cabin to Paris.....105 | Steerage to Paris.....40

PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $80; steerage, $30. Payable in United States Currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 sold or this equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information, apply at the Company's offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

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NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

(Limited.)

Steamers weekly to Liverpool, calling at Queenstown. The splendid first-class iron steamships of this line will be dispatched as follows from Pier No. 47 North River:

DENMARK....Capt. THOMSON....SATURDAY....Dec. 15
VIRGINIA....Capt. PROWSE....SATURDAY....Dec. 22
HELVETIA....Capt. THOMPSON....SATURDAY....Dec. 29
MANHATTAN....BLACK....SATURDAY....Jan. 5

And every Saturday thereafter.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge.

Drafts issued for any amount, payable at any bank in Great Britain, or on the continent.

Rates of passage, payable in currency,

To Liverpool or Queenstown	Cabin. $100	Steerage. $30

Through passage to Paris, London, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at low rates.

Steerage passage tickets to bring persons from Liverpool or Queenstown for $36, currency, can be obtained at No. 27 Broadway.

For freight or cabin passage apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway; for steerage tickets, at the passage office of the Company, No. 27 Broadway, or No. 275 Pearl-st.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS, sailing on the 22d of every month:

GUIDING STAR, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, Dec. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKHAM, Jan. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKHAM, Feb. 22.

These elegant steamers sail with regularity, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

EMPIRE LINE FOR SAVANNAH.

Every SATURDAY from Pier No. 13 North River, Punctually at 3 o'clock P. M.,

The favorite sidewheel steamships

SAN JACINTO, LOVELAND, Commander, sails Dec. 15.
SAN SALVADOR, ATKINS, Commander, sails Dec. 22.

Through tickets and bills of lading to all points. Elegant passenger accommodations.

GARRISON & ALLEN, No. 5 Bowling-green, N. Y.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's wharf, at Jersey City, on

MONDAY.....Dec. 31 | MONDAY.....Jan. 28

At Noon.

Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....50

Payable in gold, or its equivalent.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL LINE TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

EVERY THURSDAY, from Pier No. 4 North River, PUNCTUALLY AT 12 M.,

The elegant side-wheel steamships

EAGLE.....GREENE.....THURSDAY, Dec. 20
MORRO CASTLE.....ADAMS.....THURSDAY, Jan. 3
EAGLE.....GREENE.....THURSDAY, Jan. 10
COLUMBIA.....BARTON.....THURSDAY, Jan. 17

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling Green, N. Y.

THE ELEGANT

SCREW-STEAMER MERRIMAC,

Capt. VAN SICE, will sail for HAVANA SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 46 North River.

For freight or passage apply to

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-Green, New-York.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—BLACK STAR LINE.

The steamship

NIGHTINGALE, Capt. BREAKER,

will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 15, from Pier No. 13 N. R., at 3 o'clock precisely.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to

R. LOWDEN, Agent,
Corner Cedar and West sts.

DAVID McCOARD, Agent in New-Orleans.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship GEN. GRANT, Capt. E. W. Holmes, will leave Pier No. 9, N. R., on SATURDAY, Dec. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

H. B. CROMWELL & CO.,
No. 86 West-st.

The GEN. MEADE will follow.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

THROUGH LINE

TO CALIFORNIA,

CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.

Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:

MONTANA, Capt. T. A. HARRIS, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. SUTTON.

DEC. 21.—RISING STAR, Capt. ——, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVARLY.

JAN. 1.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. ——, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVARLY.

An departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.

Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.

Steamer of Dec. 11, 1866, will connect with the first steamer of the Compa'y's China Line, leaving San Francisco Jan. 1, 1867, for Hong Kong.

100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

S. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

OPPOSITION LINE

TO CALIFORNIA, VIA NICARAGUA.

THE NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Will dispatch the fast and elegant steamship

SANTIAGO DE CUBA,

JERRY W. SMITH, Commander,

On THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st.

AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

For passage and freight apply at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren-st. D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

Jan. 10, to follow, steamship SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. C. F. W. BEHM.

FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR will sail on FRIDAY, Dec. 21, at 12 o'clock noon.

Freight received as usual.

For rates, &c., inquire at freight office, on Company's Pier, No. 42, North River, foot of Canal-st.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA,

VIA PANAMA.

The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 12th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $351 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.

Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.

A limited quantity of merchandise will be conveyed under through bill of lading.

For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 59 Wall-st., or to CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The regular and popular steamship EMILY B. SOUDER, Capt. LOCKWOOD, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, landing freight on SATURDAY morning at Charleston.

Through tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the south Carolina Railroad.

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—Regular United States Mail Line.—The elegant and popular side-wheel steamship QUAKER CITY, W. H. WEST, Commander, is now receiving cargo, and will sail THIS DAY (Saturday) Dec. 15, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, connecting at Charleston with the steamer DICTATOR for the Florida ports. Passage tickets and through bills of lading given to all points in connection with the South Carolina Railroad. Bills of lading signed on the vessel.

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE.

EVERY TUESDAY.

The favorite steamship VIRGO, E. M. BULKLEY, Commander, will sail on TUESDAY, Dec. 18, at 3 P. M. Positively from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Wall-st.

Through bills of lading and passage tickets given to all points in connection with Georgia Central Railroad.

For freight or passage apply to

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—EVERY THURSDAY—THE ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.'S side-wheel steamship

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. BAKER, sails on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 27.

From Pier No. 36 North River at 3 P. M.

Through freight, passage tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia. For freight or passage apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

The NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine ocean steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

MORNING STAR, on SATURDAY, Dec. 15.
MONTEREY, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.
HAVANA, on SATURDAY, Dec. 22.
MISSOURI, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26.

All bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.

For freight or passage apply to

C. K. GARRISON, President. No. 5 Bowling-green.

THE OLD LINE

FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.

From Pier No. 21, North River.

Steamship SARATOGA, Capt. KING, leaves every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M., for above ports.

Steamship NIAGARA, Capt. COTTON, every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M., for Norfolk only.

G. HEINEKEN & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway, (up stairs.)

FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.

The elegant and popular side-wheel steamship ALBEMARLE, Capt. BOURNE, leaves every SATURDAY, at 12 M., from Pier No. 36 North River; giving through bills of lading to all points on the Sea Board Railroad and its connections

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo per schooner SUGWASSA, which vessel was lost on Hatteras, Oct. 29, 1866, will please present their bills of lading and invoices at the office of the undersigned. LAWSON & WALKER.

Average Adjusters, No. 62 Wall-st.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo per bark TWILIGHT, from Liverpool, will please call at the office of the undersigned without delay and sign the average bond.

LAWSON & WALKER,
Average Adjusters, No. 6 Wall-st.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 19, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.

11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.

6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, to Buffalo and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping car attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.

A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:50 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:30 A. M.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

7 A. M.—Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

8:45 A. M.—Way Train daily to Otisville.

10 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

4 P. M.—Way Train for Otisville, Newburgh, Warwick.

5 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Salamanca and Dunkirk.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

7:30 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.

Express trains run in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.

WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent. H. RIDDLE, Gen'l Sup't.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT. FROM NOV. 1, 1866.

9 A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3 P. M., Riverhead Express train.
4 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations, and on Saturday nights for North Islip.

NORTHERN RAILROAD of NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 P. M. and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12 and 4:22, run through to Monsey.

THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

THE OLD LINE.

SAG HARBOR, GREENPORT, ORIENT.

Steamer ARTISAN, Capt. S. C. GIBBS, from Pier No. 43 East River, (foot of Rutgers-st.,) every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 4 P. M.

WILLIAMS BROTHERS. No. 5 Beekman-st.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company's boats leave Pier No. 19 North River, between Courtland and Day sts. at 8:00, 9:30 A. M., 12:00 M., 2:00, 4:00, 5:30 P. M. Sundays at 9:00, 11:30 A. M., 2:30, 5:30 P. M.

FOR PROVIDENCE DIRECT.—THE steamer VICKSBURG, Capt. GEO. B. HULL, will leave Pier No. 35, North River, for Providence, every SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.

Freight at reasonable rates by application on board or to ERSKINE PHILLIPS, No. 216 Franklin-st.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare 75 cents. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

KUCKOO CLOCKS,

Wholesale and retail at A. FRANKFIELD & CO., Patentee and sole manufacturer, 239 6th-av. Ladies' watches with secret locket for likeness, besides a great variety of other watches. French clocks, jewelry and silverware at A. FRANKFIELD & CO., No. 239 6th-av., corner 14th-st., and No. 218 4th-av., corner 18th-st.

FOR SALE.

WOOLEN FACTORY FOR SALE—SITUated on the line of one of the principal railroads in Michigan, and in the midst of a wool-growing section. The buildings of brick, and machinery new and in fine order. The factory is doing a good business; is driven and warmed by steam, having surplus of power and land, so that the business can be largely and cheaply increased. The manufacturing is under the superintendence of a first-class, experienced foreman.

Parties having $75,000 or $100,000 to invest can meet with a rare opportunity to purchase, or to join the present proprietors, whose only object is to increase their capital, as they have not sufficient means to stock and carry on the factory.

The machinery (three sets) was built in Massachusetts, with all the latest improvements. The concern has a large local trade in cloths, and can put their goods in all the markets at low rates, being able to manufacture cheaply, and to buy wool at their own door at a cost of five cents a pound less than the cost to Eastern mills.

For further particulars, inquire of or address

THOS. McGRAW, Wool Dealer, Detroit.

VALUABLE TIMBER AND COTTON LANDS FOR SALE IN EAST FLORIDA.—These lands are heavily timbered, mostly with yellow pine, and are located conveniently to the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad, and other rivers, in Suwannee and Columbia Counties, East Florida, comprising over 41,000 acres, and will be sold in sections of 640 acres and upward. To the actual settler, no lands in the South offer greater inducements for either lumbering or farming purposes; and as a permanent investment, they present to the capitalist or speculator a prospect of the highest remuneration, from new connecting railroads, and the general improvements progressing in that section of the country. For further particulars apply to W. M. BRYCE & CO., No. 29 Chambers and No. 5 Reade sts., where a map of the lands can be seen.

FARM FOR SALE.—BEAUTIFULLY SITUated in the upper part of the town of New-Rochelle, Westchester County, about three miles from depot at New-Rochelle, and two and a-half from depot at Tuckahoe; contains about 110 acres, on a high ridge, and can be advantageously divided into several parcels, having some of the finest building sites between New-Rochelle and White Plains; an Episcopal Church within a few minutes' walk, and a Methodist about a mile. Title indisputable. Part of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage. Apply to JOSEPH B. ALLEE, No. 53 Walker-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—ON THE LINE OF THE HUDSON River Railroad, within convenient distance of the City, one of the most elegant residences in the State; on high ground; views unsurpassed; healthfulness unquestioned; house first-class, with every convenience; adapted for Summer or Winter; the grounds are very fine, about fifty acres, with rare variety of ornamental shade-trees; old and grand outbuildings, large and first-class; grape-houses, green-houses, and every appurtenance of a first-class residence. For further particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

20,000 ACRES OF FINE TIMBER and prairie lands in Wisconsin and Iowa for sale or exchange for farms, country seats, dry goods or other merchandise. Houses and lots, farms and country seats in all localities for sale. JOHNSON, MILLER & HALL, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, No. 25 Nassau-st.

TO CAPITALISTS.—FOR SALE, A VALUAble piece of ground of 200 acres of land, situated in East Chester, 14 miles from the City Hall and 2 miles from Williamsbridge; mansion 41 feet square, with wings attached, and with all necessary improvements; commanding views of the land and adjacent country. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROOKLYN LOTS FOR SALE.—FORTY full-sized lots, on Dwight, Richards, Partition and Dykeman sts., well adapted for the erection of buildings for storage or manufacturing purposes. The block will be sold in one plot, or divided to suit purchasers. Apply to E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brick dwelling-house and lot, No. 19 East 30th-st., near Madison-square, and one of the most desirable situations in town. House thoroughly well-built for and only occupied by the owner, and is in order for immediate occupation. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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DIXON—MORRISON.—In the South Bergen Baptist Church, on Thursday, Dec. 13, by Rev. W. F. Hammond, JAMES H. DIXON, of Stamford, Conn., to HATTIE T., daughter of James D. Morrison, Esq., of Lafayette, N. J.

FOSTER—PLUMMER.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Anderson, HENRY J. FOSTER to AUGUSTA S., daughter of John L. Plummer.

HAYS—LAUDERBACK.—On Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Collegiate R. D. Church, corner of 29th-st. and 5th-av., by Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., JACOB HAYS to MARY JANE, daughter of David Lauderback, Esq., all of this City.

HOLLENBACK—FERGUSON.—On Thursday, Dec. 13, by Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., JOHN W. HOLLENBACK, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., to Mrs. JOSEPHINE FERGUSON, daughter of John Woodward, Esq., of this City.

OLIVER—ADAMS.—On Thursday, Dec. 13, by Rev. H. M. Gallagher, HENRY R. OLIVER to EMMA JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of the late Oliver I. Adams, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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TODD—MARVIN.—At Deep River, Conn., on Thursday, Dec. 13, by Rev. S. B. Marvin, of Woodbridge, RICHARD S. TODD, of New-York, to MARY F., only daughter of the late R. S. Marvin, of Deep River.

DIED.

BIRMINGHAM.—Suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 3, JOB J. BIRMINGHAM, in the 45th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from St. Paul's Church, Morrisania, on Sunday, the 16th, at 1 o'clock P. M.

CORNELL.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, suddenly, MARY A., wife of C. B. Cornell, daughter of the late W. J. Morgan.

Funeral will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 145 East 21st-st. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend, also the members of Pacific Lodge No. 233, F. A. M.

CHAUNCY.—On Friday, Dec. 14, Rev. PETER S. CHAUNCY, D. D., rector of St. James' Church, New-York, aged 64 years.

The friends and relatives of the family and the reverend clergy are respectfully invited, without further notice, to attend his funeral from St. Bartholome's Church, corner of Lafayette place and Great Jones-st., on Monday morning, the 17th inst., at 11 o'clock.

DAVIS.—In this City, yesterday morning, Dec. 14, JULIA S., wife of Alex. H. Davis, Esq., of Syracuse, N. Y., daughter of Edward Pearce, Esq., of Providence, R. I.

GRAY.—On Friday, Dec. 14, MARIA, widow of George Winthrop Gray, and daughter of the late George Griswold.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 32 Washington-square, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 10½ o'clock A. M.

HEDGES.—At Hudson, N. Y., on Saturday, Dec. 8, LUCY ANN, wife of Stephen Hedges, aged 61 years.

HOLMES.—At Stamford, Conn., on Thursday, Dec. 13, JOHN HOLMES, in the 61st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the late residence on Monday, the 17th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M. Carriages will be at the depot on the arrival of the 12:15 train from New-York.

HENDERSON.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, JESSIE CAIRNS, widow of David Henderson, in the 70th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 64 East 31st-st.

HUNT.—Suddenly, of congestion of the lungs, FRANCES P., beloved wife of Seth B. Hunt, aged 48 years.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at No. 35 West 19th-st., on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 2 P. M., without further notice.

JONES.—On Friday morning, Dec. 14, CORNELIA HERRING, wife of Wm. G. Jones, and daughter of the late Abm. Herring.

Funeral on Monday, the 17th inst., at 10 A. M., from her late residence, No. 45 West 28th-st.

JOHNSTON.—On Thursday, Dec. 13, after a short illness, of inflammation of the lungs, THOMAS JOHNSTON, aged 55 years.

The friends of the family, and the members of Pacific Lodge No. 233, and of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 510, F. & A. M., together with the fraternity in general, also the employees of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Sunday, the 16th inst., from St. Ambrose Church, corner of Prince and Thompson sts., at 1 o'clock.

PACIFIC LODGE No. 233, F. & A. M.—The members of Pacific Lodge are summoned to attend a special communication of the Lodge on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our late Br. THOMAS JOHNSTON, Past Master and Master Elect.

The members of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 510, and the fraternity generally, are respectfully invited to participate.
JAMES HYDE, Secretary.

MCCARTHY.—At Morrisania, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, CHARLES MCCARTHY, scientific engineer, in the 51st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at the Church of the Messiah, (Dr. Osgood's,) corner of 28th-st. and Madison-av., on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 12½ o'clock, without further notice.

NAPIER.—At Jamaica, L. I., on Friday morning, Dec. 14, ANDREW NAPIER, in the 63d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at Grace Church, Jamaica, on Sunday at 3 o'clock.

OGILVIE.—At Westchester, on Thursday, Dec. 13, after a short illness, ARCHIBALD OGILVIE, in the 32d year of his age.

His friends and those of his father-in-law, James Buchan, are invited to attend the funeral from No. 6 East 27th-st., this day, (Saturday,) the 15th inst., at 1½ o'clock P. M.

RUTHERFORD.—On Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Metropolitan Hotel, HELEN, daughter of James and Margaret V. Rutherford.

The funeral services will take place on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock, at Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights. The friends of the family are requested to attend without further invitation. Carriages will leave the Metropolitan Hotel at 12:45 P. M. to convey friends to the Church.

ROCKWELL.—At Sing Sing, on Thursday, Dec. 13, suddenly, CHARLES W. ROCKWELL, aged 67 years.

Remains will be taken to Norwich, Conn., for interment.

RICE.—On Friday afternoon, Dec. 14, CORNELIA W., wife of John Smith Rice, and daughter of David Bell, Esq., aged 29 years and 10 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at her late residence, No. 334 West 35th-st., on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Sing Sing for interment at the 10 o'clock train on Tuesday morning.

SCHREINER.—On Friday, Dec. 14, CHARLES ALFRED, son of Osmond H. and Sarah M. Schreiner, aged 3 years, 1 month and 7 days.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 2 P. M., from the residence of his parents, in Ryerson-st., near Gates-av., Brooklyn.

WILLIAMS.—On Friday, Dec. 14, Capt. JOHN W. WILLIAMS, on board steamer *Gen. Sedgwick*, at Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn.

Funeral from on board the steamer this day, (Saturday,) the 15th inst., at 3 P. M. Remains will be taken to Greenwood.

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Information has been received at this Department from Mr. Lee Moses, the Consul of the United States at Brunai, Borneo, of the death, on the 22d of May last, at that place, of Mr. THOMAS BRADLEY HARRIS, of New-York City, connected with the "American Trading Company of Borneo."

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Steam ship Virgo, Bulkley, Savannah, with mdse. and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co. Dec. 11, 4 P. M., 40 miles north of Tybee, passed steamships Tonawanda and ——, San Salvador. 12th, off Frying-pan Shoals, passed two large quantities of wrecked stuff, such as cabin doors and part of a hurricane-deck, supposed to belong to some steamer.

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